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**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

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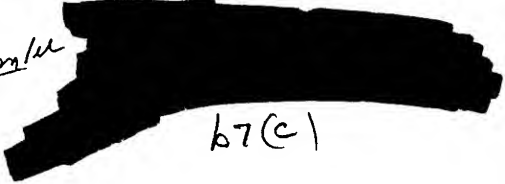
I do not know if I am writing to the correct source  
for information or not, but here goes.

Is there any documentary evidence that Martin Luther  
King is now or has been a member or agent of the communist  
party?

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach  
DATE: 3-30-65  
FROM : M. A. Jones  
SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN THOMAS L. ASHLEY (D-OHIO)  
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Bruce Solberg, Legislative Aide to Congressman Ashley, telephonically contacted Bureau Headquarters on 3-30-65 to speak with an Agent. SA [REDACTED] talked with him. He explained he has "a couple of inquiries" from constituents relating to a newspaper article which apparently indicated the FBI has information concerning the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., but has not made this information available to Senators and Congressmen. He said the article allegedly appeared in the "Toledo Blade" but he did not know the date. He was inquiring so that he would know how to reply to the constituents' questions relative to the FBI not providing Congressmen and Senators pertinent information concerning Dr. King. b7(c)

It was pointed out to Mr. Solberg that information in FBI files is confidential by Departmental order. He inquired as to the identity of this Departmental order pointing out that it would assist him in his response to the constituents if he could refer to the specific order. He was told that the order was Departmental Order #324-64, issued October 8, 1964.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 2 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
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# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 11-17-1965

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

*Martin Luther King*

Pages 5149-5164. Congressman Andrews, (D) Alabama, spoke concerning the situation in Selma, Alabama, pointing out that several weeks ago he offered a resolution asking for an impartial congressional committee be appointed to go to Selma and determine what the true facts are, what the people and business officials are doing and have been doing, and what outside agitators are doing and have been doing in recent weeks. He stated "My resolution has not received favorable action. The cunningly calculated torment of Selma and Dallas County is the biggest, cruelest, and most unjust publicity stunt staged in a long time. - - - In my opinion the presence of Dr. King in Alabama is solely responsible for the trouble we are having today. His record indicates that wherever he goes there is trouble. - - - Recently one of the greatest Americans of all times—a man who is knowledgeable about crimes of all types and about criminals of all stripes—Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the able Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated publicly that Martin

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## Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

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Luther King is not one of—but 'the most notorious liar in the United States of America.' — Mr. Hoover has not retracted that statement, and I cannot for the life of me see how so many misguided people in America have followed and continue to follow a man with the reputation that King has." Several other Congressmen joined Mr. Andrews in his remarks. Miscellaneous newspaper articles, etc., were included with this discussion. Page 5158, Congressman Williams, (D) Mississippi, in joining in these remarks, stated "not only would I endorse Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's characterization of Martin Luther King as the 'most notorious liar in America,' but I would add that I consider him the most notorious gangster of our generation. Everywhere this man goes, trouble and violence follow, always accompanied by the sound of dollars dropping into his till as 'contributions' to his 'work.'" Congressman Dickinson, (R) Alabama, (page 5159) commented on the newspaper account in connection with the attempted march in Selma. He stated "The fact is, Mr. Speaker, that there were no whips—none used or even in existence and this was purely a lie and a fabrication by some reporters representing some of the news media. I have checked this fact with the Governor, with the local law enforcement officials there, and through other sources. The FBI was there and can substantiate my statement." He also made reference to Communist infiltration of the civil rights movement and stated "J. Edgar Hoover has testified before the House Appropriations Committee that Communists are infiltrating the civil rights movement and seeking to exploit its leaders, according to the Communists' own paper, the Worker." Congressman Waggonner, (D) Louisiana, joined the discussion and included an editorial from the U. S. News & World Report by David Lawrence entitled "The Wrong Way" and an editorial from the Shreveport (Louisiana) Times entitled "The Bloody Racial Picture." The last editorial makes reference to the removal of demonstrators from the White House and states "Why is it wrong for a Governor, a mayor, or a sheriff to do the same thing? After all, an FBI agent testified in an Alabama Federal court that use of gas on Highway 80 was in the interest of public safety."

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Terre Haute, Indiana

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 26th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. In addition, I am unable to direct you to a source from which you can obtain the information you desire.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find informative.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

U. S. News and World Report, 12-7-64  
U. S. News and World Report, 12-21-64  
St. Louis Globe Democrat  
"Our Heritage of Greatness"

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George H. White, Inc.  
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J. Edgar Hoover  
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Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have in my possession a picture of Martin Luther King and associates taken at Highlander Folk School in Monteagle Folk School in Monteagle Tenn. in the year 1957.

I would like to obtain more information about Mr. King, his associates and their activities. Can you please provide this information or inform me as to where I can obtain these?

I have no doubts but would like more information.

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Sincerely,

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Benicia, California

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 24th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Benicia Calif.  
March 24, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I'm writing this letter to ask a favor. Mr. Hoover, would like to get some information that I might prove that Martin Luther King is a communist. I have been told you might have this proof. I need this information for a debate at school.

If you possibly can. I thank you for gaweing me for some of your time

Yours gratefully,

/s/

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Yours, gratefully,

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Memorandum

DATE 12-10-80 BY SP4 Nmy/d  
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TO :

THE DIRECTOR

FROM :

N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT :

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD  
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Pages 5986-5987. Senator Williams, (R) Delaware, placed in the Record an article written by Paul Hope entitled "Baker Case Party Girl Admits Being Ex-Red" and published in the Washington Sunday Star on March 28th. Williams stated "Mr. Hope's article is based upon information obtained by the investigators of the Rules Committee and the FBI concerning the manner in which party girls had been used by Mr. Baker and his associates. - - - It is most regrettable that this phase of the inquiry developed by the FBI was so noticeably ignored by both the committee and the Justice Department in their most recent report." The article comments on activities of Ellen Rometsch and states "Last December, the Justice Department showed some members and staff personnel of the Rules Committee an FBI file on Mrs. Rometsch. The committee incorporated a summary of the file in its minutes, but the Democrats voted against going any further into the matter. This portion of the committee's proceedings has not been made public and is not expected to be."

Pages 6011-6012. Senator Dodd, (D) Connecticut, spoke concerning the President's statement announcing arrest of four members of the Ku Klux Klan for the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo. Dodd included the text of the President's statement and a brief statement he issued in support of the President's comments. Mr. Dodd stated "Appropriately, J. Edward Hoover was standing beside the President at that press conference and I say this because Mr. Hoover's outstanding agents in the field worked throughout the night to find the perpetrators of this outrage. And it was especially appropriate to have Mr. Hoover there, because what better reply could there have been to the charges that the FBI has not been zealous enough in protecting civil rights proponents and in fighting the Ku Klux Klan."

- 1 - Mr. Tolson - enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Mohr - enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Belmont - enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - enclosure
- 1 - Mr. D. C. Morrell - enclosure

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Memorandum to the Director  
Re: The Congressional Record

SENATE - continued

Adjournment: Until Thursday, April 1, 1965, at 12 noon.

HOUSE

Page 6053. Congressman Cathings, (D) Arkansas, spoke concerning the economic boycott of Alabama suggested by Dr. Martin Luther King. Cathings stated "I implore Dr. King to please permit the schoolchildren of Alabama to participate in the school lunch program by the utilization of surplus food commodities, - - - - . At this point, Congressman Andrews, (D) Alabama, stated "I hope the gentleman will remember and that the Members of this House will remember that last December Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, one of the greatest Americans of all time, said that this Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in this country, and Mr. Hoover until this day has not retracted that statement."

Pages 6055-6056. Congressman Gross, (R) Iowa, spoke concerning the Bobby Baker investigation. He included the article written by Paul Hope which was set forth with remarks of Senator Williams earlier in this memorandum.

Pages 6066-6067. Congressman Cleveland, (R) New Hampshire, spoke concerning use of certain materials in construction of public buildings, referring to the substitution of concrete for stone exteriors of new Federal buildings. He stated "Four structures which would have concrete exteriors have recently been authorized for construction in Washington, at a total cost of \$125 million. These four buildings are the Federal Office Building No. 5, the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Building, and a new headquarters for the Housing and Home Finance Agency." Mr. Cleveland included a brochure entitled "Our Beautiful Capital, Will It Be Marred by the New Trend in Federal Building?" (It is to be noted the General Services Administration advised the architects have not yet presented their recommendations to the Fine Arts Commission as to the exterior treatment for our building.)

Page 6071. The House received a letter from the Attorney General transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "A bill to amend section 4082 of title 18, United States Code, to facilitate the rehabilitation of persons convicted of offenses against the United States." This was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Memorandum to the Director  
Re: The Congressional Record

HOUSE - continued

Adjournment: Until Tuesday, March 30, 1965, at 12 noon.

APPENDIX

There was nothing contained in the Appendix that was of particular interest to the Bureau.

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: March 28, 1965

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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8076SUBJECT: SHERIFF JAMES CLARK  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE FBI

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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As you know, United Press International (UPI) has quoted captioned individual as saying, on 3/27/65, that Mrs. Viola Liuzzo might not have been murdered if FBI Agents had advised local officers they had a carload of Ku Klux Klansmen under surveillance. According to a teletype from Selma, received in the Bureau at 1:11 a.m. today, Clark telephonically advised the Selma Resident Agency yesterday that he had had a conference with a newsman during the morning of 3/27/65. He said he told the newsman the FBI had never told him about the car bearing the Liuzzo murderers being in the Selma area. He stated he did not know anything about the car and, if he did by an outside chance, he might have picked them up. Clark further stated that he presumed the FBI had the vehicle under observation. He continued, "I've been getting so much heat from the newspapers on this I had to tell them something. I don't recall receiving any information about the car."

After consultation with Messrs. Belmont and Joseph A. Sullivan, and approval by Mr. Tolson, the attached statement was released at 9:45 p.m., 3/27/65, to Associated Press and UPI.

Since this statement was released, there have been several news reports alleging Sheriff Clark has issued a rebuttal. He has been quoted as saying this is not the first time the Department of Justice has called him a liar. Inspector Sullivan is checking these reports out to ascertain whether Clark has been talking to reporters again, and will report his findings to the Bureau later today. If Clark has been talking, however, I feel we should not attempt to answer any additional remarks he may make regarding this matter. To do so will only feed him more material with which to keep a "feud" going with the Bureau, and I believe we should discourage the development of such a situation, if at all possible.

Enclosure

2 ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Attachment to Mohr memo 3/28/65  
Re: Sheriff James Clark

Additional developments in the Luizzo murder include a statement made by the Grand Wizard of the United Klans of America, Robert Shelton, that one of the subjects in this matter had been offered a bribe by the FBI for a confession. This bribe is supposed to consist of several hundred acres of land located in Mississippi. A telephonic contact at 11:35 a.m. today with J. L. McGovern, of the Inspection Division, who is in Birmingham, disclosed that absolutely no promises or offers were made to any of the subjects. Mr. McGovern said this may have originated with the informant in this case since the latter is telling a variety of stories to his attorney, Matt Murphy, in an attempt to divert suspicion from himself.

Shelton has been making a number of wild claims to the press in the past few hours. He has called the President a "damned liar," and he has said that Reverend James J. Reeb was dying of cancer before he was clubbed to death in Selma. The latter has been labeled as "hokum" by John Sullivan, New England Chairman of the American Friends Service Committee, who said Mr. Reeb had undergone a physical examination shortly before joining the Committee on 9/1/64. This examination disclosed Reeb was "in the pink of health," according to Sullivan.

The Director has also received a telegram from Martin Luther King which reads as follows:

"Let me congratulate you and the FBI for this speedy arrest of the accused assassins of Mrs. Luizzo. The Agents assigned to Alabama have done an outstanding job of containing the tremendous violences and savagery which runs rampant under this surface of Alabama life. There is still much work to be done before Alabama is rid of the racist sickness which pollutes her body politic, I am sure that we can continue to count on four efficient services."

I do not believe this wire should be acknowledged because a reply would only help build up this character and a communication from Mr. Hoover, which King would undoubtedly publicize, will tie us in with him, and put us under an obligation to him. I likewise feel that King's telegram to the Director should not be released to the press for the same reasons. Mr. Belmont concurs in these recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION: *I suggest an "in absence" reply.*

Submitted for information pursuant to Mr. Tolson's instructions.



Date: 3/24/65

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Via

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DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 3-24-81 (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-293)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Cleveland tel to Bureau and Atlanta, 3/23/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Two copies of the letterhead memorandum are enclosed for Atlanta.

One copy each of the letterhead memorandum is being sent to local military agencies and two copies are being sent to Secret Service.

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Special Agent in Charge

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio

March 24, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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An article appeared in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer," March 24, 1965, edition, page 1, column 6 and page 11, column 5, captioned "Dr. King, in Cleveland, Tries Not To Limp" under the byline of WILLIAM C. TREON. This article reflected that at a press conference held in the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel on March 23, 1965, BERNARD LEE, an aide to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., stated that on the night of March 22, 1965, Dr. KING was under doctor's care because of badly blistered feet. According to the article, Dr. KING developed the blisters on Sunday and Monday in leading the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. The article quoted LEE as saying, "He (KING) walked seven miles the first day and 16 miles yesterday. Seventeen more miles face him when he joins the marchers tomorrow morning."

The article pointed out that KING arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, several hours late and his chartered jet plane was rerouted through Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, because of bad weather.

The article stated that Cleveland Police took extraordinary precautions to protect KING. Safety Director JOHN N. MC CORMICK said a squad was assigned to stay close to KING from his arrival at 4:00 PM until his departure for Selma at about 11:00 PM.

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"One man--a 48-year-old West Side laborer--was arrested at Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland. He was identified as EDWARD A. SPELIC, 2948 Lorain Avenue. Police said SPELIC, who carried Confederate and American flags, told them he was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of White People. He was held for 'oral threats.'"

*Cleveland Office*  
"Outside the hotel a group that said it represented the National Association for the Advancement of White People, NAAWP, paraded with signs that said things like "Equal Rights Not Special Privileges" and "Nobel Prize Is A Communist Booby Prize."

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ENCLOSURE

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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"Dr. KING already was inside when they arrived."

An article appeared in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer," March 24, 1965, edition, page 11, columns 1 through 5, captioned "King Warns Oppression of Negro Can Destroy U. S." This article stated that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 36-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner, President of the Southern Leadership Conference, spoke at a testimonial dinner in his honor at the Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, on March 23, 1965. This article stated that KING in his address warned that the "seeds of the country's destruction lie in oppression of the Negro. He said that now more than ever before, the United States is challenged to maintain its strength through justice and brotherhood.

"More than 2,200 persons, who paid \$10 or \$25 a plate to hear Dr. KING, frequently interrupted him with spirited applause, especially when he alluded to the civil rights march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery.

"Money realized from the dinner will be used to finance civil rights activities such as the Alabama march, which, Dr. KING said, will have cost \$50,000 when it is completed tomorrow.

"Dr. KING's theme last night was 'The American Dream.'

"'America,' he said, is a dream unfulfilled. Now more than ever before, America is challenged to realize this dream...

"We must act now before it is too late. We cannot afford not to live up to the American dream.'

"This can be accomplished, Dr. KING said, only through a realization that 'all men are heirs of the legacy of dignity and worth.'

"He said, 'the time has come when we all must learn to live together as brothers or all perish together as fools.'

"'Individuals cannot live alone,' he said. 'Neither can nations. All life is interrelated. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be unless I am what I ought to be.'

"Dr. KING called for 'massive action' all over the nation to stamp out segregation. He urged his audience to flood Washington with mail in support of the voter registration bill proposed by President JOHNSON.

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"He called JOHNSON's speech asking for such legislation 'the most passionate, eloquent and unequivocal plea for justice ever made.'

"Dr. KING praised the 'ground crew' of the civil rights movement, such as the Alabama marchers.

"They're the ones I accepted the (Nobel) prize for,' he said. In a real sense, they are the heroes of this struggle.

"Dr. KING was introduced by the Rev. O. M. HOOVER, chairman of the dinner. Both intend to join the Alabama marchers early today.

"Mayor RALPH S. LOCHER greeted Dr. KING. He had proclaimed yesterday as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"Gov. JAMES A. RHODES spoke with Dr. KING over the telephone in the afternoon. The governor told him that a last-minute change advancing the dinner from tonight to last night made it impossible for him to attend.

"WILLIAM O. WALKER, publisher of the Call & Post, Negro weekly here, and state industrial relations director, presented Dr. KING with a \$100 check from Gov. RHODES.

"WALKER is a native of Selma. His parents formerly owned the cafe from which the Rev. JAMES J. REEB of Boston walked before he was beaten to death March 9.

"Dr. KING's flight to Cleveland yesterday was delayed by bad weather. When he arrived he looked tired. His voice was soft at an afternoon press conference, but was strong and clear last night.

"At the press conference, Dr. KING said he never allowed 'fears for my life to take possession of me...because I know that our cause is basically right, and it will be triumphant. It will be triumphant no matter what happens to me.'

"Last night's dinner was sponsored by a committee representing a cross-section of Greater Cleveland's community,

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civic and religious life. Councilman JOHN W. KELLOGG, R-18, was coordinator. Toastmaster was W. WILLARD BROWN, director of the University Circle Research Center."

An article appeared in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer," March 24, 1965, edition, page 6, column 1, captioned "Two Priests Here Join Alabama Rights March." This article reflected that the Reverend EDWARD J. GRIFFIN and the Reverend THOMAS J. GALLAGHER, two priests of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, are joining the civil rights march in Selma, Alabama. According to the article these two priests left here last night aboard Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's chartered jet. *6410*

The article stated "a spokesman for the diocesan chancery said the two had permission to join the march. This will be the first time a Cleveland priest has participated in a civil rights demonstration in the South, although several took part in the march in Washington in August, 1963.

"Father GRIFFIN, assistant pastor at Holy Family Church, Parma, is active in several community relations groups here. Father GALLAGHER is chaplain of the Catholic Interracial Council in Akron and an assistant at St. Hilary Church there."

[REDACTED] advised on March 24, 1965, that EDWARD A. SPELIC, 2948 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, was released by the Cleveland Police Department on this date without being charged. *b7(D)*

[REDACTED] advised on March 24, 1965, that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., left Cleveland Hopkins International Airport at 12:55 AM on March 24, 1965, on a chartered jet plane for Montgomery, Alabama, by way of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Atlanta, Georgia. *b7(D)*

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-25-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIVE WENDELL WYATT  
(REPUBLICAN -- OREGON)  
MEETING WITH DIRECTOR, 3-25-65

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DATE 12-10-80 BY SP4 JMD/1

Per prior arrangements Congressman Wyatt was introduced to the Director at 10:15 a. m. today by SA [REDACTED] Crime Research Section.

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During a very cordial meeting, Congressman Wyatt stated that ever since his election he had wanted to meet the Director and advise him that he strongly supports the Director and the FBI and that he would be more than happy to render to the Bureau any assistance at any time on any matter that the Director may desire. He advised the Director and the Bureau had been the target of unjust and unfair criticism, particularly regarding Martin Luther King and civil rights, and he wanted the Director to be assured of his support. Wyatt related that he had received between 150 and 200 constituent letters regarding the King matter, all of which supported the Director; none supported King.

The Director briefed Wyatt on the details leading up to the public announcement that King was a liar, including the facts on which King was in error, and reviewed his subsequent meeting with King. Congressman Wyatt obviously holds no respect for King and his associates and stated he was glad the Director called King's hand. Mr. Wyatt said he felt King's power stemmed from the fact that no one in the Administration, except Mr. Hoover, had the courage to say "no."

Mr. Hoover then summarized portions of his testimony before the Warren Commission and pointed out the absurdity of some of Chief Justice Warren's statements relating to the Bureau's not arresting Oswald prior to the assassination. The Director emphasized the unfair criticism of the Bureau and the "Monday morning quarterbacking" by the Warren Commission.

- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

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RE: Representative Wendell Wyatt

The Director told the Congressman he felt many courts were taking the handcuffs off the criminal and placing them on law enforcement officers. Mr. Hoover felt this was due not only to "bleeding heart" theorists but also due to incompetent and unqualified individuals on the Bench. The Director cited as an example the case handled by Judge Leighton in Chicago concerning the attack on police officers by a thug with a broken bottle.

The Congressman mentioned that Oregon had, in November, 1964, abolished capital punishment. Mr. Hoover reiterated his position on capital punishment stating he would favor such punishment so long as criminals sentenced to life in prison could and would be released as early as seven years after sentencing. He pointed out the fallacy of stating capital punishment did not act as a deterrent to crime. Wyatt agreed with the Director's position.

Regarding Agent qualifications, the Director stated he had successfully resisted Robert Kennedy's efforts to have qualifications lowered merely to accept Negro applicants. Mr. Hoover stated the Bureau has 25 Negro Agents but all are well-qualified, and he would not lower the standards just to accept Negroes as long as he is Director.

Congressman Wyatt stated the Oregon State Board of Control had instituted a research study of 1,000 check writers to determine if added legislation or parole and probation changes were necessary. The Board had requested assistance from the Identification Division to research criminal records of the 1,000 individuals in this study and had been advised by letter that our work load would not permit us to be of assistance. The Director commented that it had been necessary for us to decline similar requests from 18 states as we simply do not have sufficient personnel to research such projects and still handle over 20,000 fingerprint cards each day. The Congressman stated he understood and appreciated the Bureau's position.

Mr. Wyatt apologized for taking so much of the Director's time and expressed his appreciation to the Director for the interview. A photograph was taken, and the Director told Mr. Wyatt his door was always open to him.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

3-25-65

Attached reports additional information concerning threat on life of Martin Luther King, Jr., and threat on life of James Farmer. Mobile previously advised state, local and military authorities, Montgomery and Selma regarding threat to King and will advise those agencies of additional information developed. New York is advising the New York City Police Department and James Farmer. King will not be advised personally. Charlotte instructed to furnish all details to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, Durham, North Carolina.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATLANTA, MOBILE, SELMA, NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHARLOTTE \157-722\ \P\ 4P

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DATE 9/14/80 BY SP-1 GSH/200

CHANGED THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING BY [REDACTED]  
DURHAM, N.C., MARCH TWENTYFOUR, LAST RACIAL MATTERS.

THE CHARLOTTE AIRTEL MARCH TWENTYFOUR, LAST,  
TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO REFLECT CORRECT NAME OF  
INFORMANT IDENTIFIED [REDACTED]

AS CONVICTED BANK ROBBER.

TODAY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AT DURHAM, N.C., STATED ON TUESDAY, MARCH  
TWENTYTHREE LAST, HE WAS AT [REDACTED] DURHAM, N.C.,

OPERATED BY [REDACTED] HE GOT IN CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED]  
AND THEN [REDACTED] INTRODUCED [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOOK [REDACTED] TO A CAR BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FORD  
STATIONWAGON. THERE [REDACTED] EXHIBITED HATRED OF NEGROES

AND ASKED [REDACTED] IF [REDACTED] WOULD SHOOT [REDACTED] MEMBER, EXECUTIVE  
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY [REDACTED]

DIRECTOR OF CORE AND/OR MARTIN LUTHER KING, [REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD

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IF PRICE WERE RIGHT AND MONEY ON THE LINE. [REDACTED] ASKED IF [REDACTED] WOULD TRY TO GET SHOOT AT KING OR FARMER IN SELMA, ALA., FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. [REDACTED] EXHIBITED PHOTOGRAPH OF FARMER.

[REDACTED] POINTED OUT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT A PERSON SHOOTING EITHER OF ABOVE IN ALA., LA., OR MISS. WOULD BE CONVICTED OF SERIOUS CRIME.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] AGAIN MET HIM IN STATIONWAGON [REDACTED] ON EVENING MARCH TWENTYFOUR, LAST. HE MENTIONED SENDING [REDACTED] TO JACKSON, MISS., TO CONTACT UNDISCLOSED PERSON THERE. [REDACTED] ALSO INDICATED HE WOULD ARRANGE TO SECURE RIFLE FOR [REDACTED] SINCE ALL [REDACTED] HAD WAS A LONG BARREL THIRTY-EIGHT CALIBER SMITH AND WESTON PISTOL. [REDACTED] GAVE [REDACTED] TWENTY DOLLARS. b7(c)

[REDACTED] ADMITTED TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH DURHAM RA, MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST, AND SAID HE HAD NOT KEPT APPOINTMENT BECAUSE OF RAIN.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS A WHITE MALE, THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF AGE WITH ROUND FACE, ABOUT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN MARCH EIGHT, THIRTY ONE, [REDACTED] FIVE FEET TEN ONE HALF INCHES, ONE FIVE EIGHT POUNDS, [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] DURHAM, N.C.

[REDACTED] ADMITTED SERVING TWENTY FIVE YEARS FOR ROBBERY OF BANK [REDACTED] HE STATED SINCE RELEASED HE HAS BEEN MAKING LIQUOR VICINITY [REDACTED] HE RECENTLY PAID FINE AT [REDACTED], FOR PUBLIC DRUNK AND CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON, PISTOL. DURING INTERVIEW, [REDACTED] IN POSSESSION QUART BOTTLE OF WINE WITH LARGER PORTION GONE.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW YORK, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VOLUNTARILY APPEARED DURHAM RA MARCH TWENTY FOUR, LAST, AND REPORTED ON TUESDAY, MARCH TWENTY THREE, LAST, HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY BY INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS [REDACTED] WHO SOUGHT BACKING OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IF [REDACTED] WERE TO SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING. [REDACTED] REPORTED HE NOTIFIED [REDACTED] WOULD NOT BE PARTY TO ANY SUCH ACTIVITY AND TERMINATED CONVERSATION. HE DENIED ACQUAINTANCE WITH [REDACTED] ALSO ON MARCH TWENTYFOUR, LAST, [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED DURHAM RA AND MADE APPOINTMENT TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING PLOT TO KILL KING, BUT THEN FAILED TO KEEP APPOINTMENT.

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TODAY [REDACTED] WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE NO OVERTURE TO RECONTACT [REDACTED] IN THE EVENT OF A CONTACT BY [REDACTED] WAS TO STALL AND NOTIFY FBI WHICH [REDACTED] AGREED TO DO.

ATLANTA AND MOBILE PAREN [SELMA] ~~END~~ PAREN ADVISE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LOCAL AND STATE OFFICERS OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS. NEW YORK ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONCERNING INFORMATION RE FARMER. AIRMAIL COPY BEING DIRECTED JACKSON FOR INFORMATION.

IN VIEW OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, CHARLOTTE WILL FOLLOW WITH [REDACTED] SINCE [REDACTED] HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST FBI AND STATED HE HAS NO INTENTION OF HARMING FARMER AND/OR KING.

[REDACTED] SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS HE ADMITTED POSSESSION OF PISTOL AND IN VIEW OF PAST RECORD.

BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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END. *Letterhead MEMO*

OTHERS OFFICERS TO BE ADVISED

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# SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See correlation summary dated 9/23/60, filed as 100-106670-11; supplemental correlation summary dated 2/5/62, filed as 100-106670-23; and supplemental correlation summary dated 1/18/63, filed as 100-106670-110)

Main File No: 100-106670

Date: 4-2-65

Subject: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
One King\*

Date searched: 1/5/65

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

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~~Luther King~~  
~~M. King~~  
~~M. L. King~~  
~~M. Luther King~~

~~Martin King~~  
~~Martin L. King~~  
~~Martin Luther King~~  
~~Martin Luther King~~  
~~Michael King~~

The following main file [REDACTED] Martin Luther King, Jr. was disclosed in the course of the review:

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This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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\*Not completely searched. See page 80-82 of search slip.

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Martin Luther King is also a subject of the following  
Bureau main files:

9-41768	157-667
44-13605	157-929
44-19780	157-1659
44-25759	157-1681
63-8460	173-207
69-743	173-642
149-3070	

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Add. info.....Additional information appearing in  
this reference which pertains to  
Martin Luther King, Jr., may be  
found in the main file or elsewhere  
in this summary.

CORE.....Congress of Racial Equality

NOI.....Nation of Islam

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference; Southern Christian  
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Bureau memo dated 5/10/57, concerning the "Prayer Pilgrimage For Freedom March on Washington, 5/17/57," revealed that Thurgood Marshall, General Counsel, NAACP, stated on 5/9/57, that Rev. King was a "first-rate rabble rouser," although King stood for non-violence. Marshall said he had to admit that from a public relations standpoint, King had been correct in everything he did. A comment was made that there appeared to be some animosity between Marshall and King, whom Marshall termed as an opportunist.

62-101087-442 p. 1,2  
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[REDACTED] advised that Rev. Fred C. Jones, Pastor, Negro Methodist Church, 19 Council St., Sumter, was heading a group of Negroes which was going to Washington with Rev. King of Alabama, in connection with the March on Washington, 5/17/57.

62-101087-392  
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Bureau memo, dated 5/22/61, captioned "Congress of Racial Equality Freedom Ride, 1961" (100-225392) made reference to a request by the Director for a summary on Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others. Brief summaries set out. By letter dated 5/23/61 a summary on King was forwarded to the A. G. (Director's notation)

100-225392-365 Summary 5/22/61  
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100-26912-5462 p. 9,13,28  
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[REDACTED], advised that around 1957, Lawrence Dunbar Reddick (123-15789) travelled to India with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to observe and learn of the non-violent resistance movement. Following this trip, Reddick published a biography of King.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] Reddick, [REDACTED] appeared to be a close associate and confidant of King. b7(D)

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123-15789-13 p. 9-11,13  
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Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) (100-427226) memorandum, dated 10/3/62, entitled "Memorandum on YSA Plenum," furnished by [REDACTED] revealed that the YSA National Plenum, held on 9/1-3/62, at 110 University Place, NYC, concerned itself with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). This organization was founded in 1960 by the SCLC. When Martin Luther King "sold out" mass demonstrations in Albany, Ga., the SNCC broke with SCLC. King's "sell out" tactics conflicted with SNCC's desire to carry struggle as far as it would go in any given situation.

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"The Birmingham News" issue of 10/20/62, contained an article captioned, "King Says Negroes to Apply at University of Alabama." The article quoted Dr. Martin Luther King as stating that five Negro students would apply for transfers to the University of Alabama to begin a second attempt to break down racial barriers at the University. The article disclosed that Dr. King named Rev. W. L. Hertzfeld of Tuscaloosa, Ala., as president of the Alabama State Conference, a group that would aid students who desired to enter the University.

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The 11/11/62, issue of "The Worker," carried an article entitled "Rev. King and Meany to Address Convention of Negro Council." The article stated that the third annual convention\* of the Negro American Labor Council (100-432067) was to be addressed by Rev. Martin Luther King at the Hotel Americana, NYC.

100-432067-A "The Worker" 11/11/62  
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\*11/9-11/62

Bureau memo dated 11/29/62, contained information relating to an editorial which was received [REDACTED] b7d  
Afro-American Newspapers (94-8-1393). The editorial charged that FBI Agents in the South would not investigate civil rights violators. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., repeated the substance of this charge at an address at the Riverside Church, NYC, and added that all FBI Agents investigating civil rights cases in the South were southerners. (Director's notation)

94-8-1393-10K1  
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Bureau memo dated 11/30/62, made reference to a discussion [REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] regarding allegations of Rev. Martin Luther King. During the conversation, [REDACTED] was advised that these allegations were false. (Details set out)

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During the course of the meeting, plans were made to picket a meeting of the Montgomery Improvement Association, principal Negro organization at Montgomery, Ala. This meeting was expected to be held during the first week of December, 1962, and to be attended by Rev. Martin Luther King. [REDACTED] that plans to organize this picket line were unsuccessful.

105-66233-979 p. 15  
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NY report captioned "African Activities in the United States" (105-87964), set out excerpts from articles from the December, 1962, issue of "Africa Report," a publication of the African-American Institute.

An article entitled "US Negroes Discuss Africa" disclosed that Martin Luther King, Jr., attended a conference at Columbia University, NYC, on 11/22-25/62. The theme of the conference was the role of the American Negro community in US policy toward Africa.

An article entitled "ACOA (American Committee on Africa) Urges Action in Anti-Apartheid Campaign" revealed that this campaign was initiated by Rev. Martin Luther King. According to the article, ACOA had urged attendance at anti-apartheid meetings in various cities throughout the world on 12/10/62, Human Rights Day.

105-87964-238 p. 3,5  
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SI 105-116631-1  
(36)-("The Worker" 12/2/62)

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], furnished a transcript of remarks made by Rabbi Robert Eugene Goldberg (100-377415) at a dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, held at the Americana Hotel, NYC, on 12/15/62. Goldberg stated that the Connecticut Committee Against Communism picketed CORE, Martin Luther King, Pete Seegar, and his (Goldberg's) public addresses. Goldberg then told of receiving a call from King, after which he and others went to Albany, Ga., to aid in picketing during the Albany Movement.

100-377415-16 p. 8  
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Washington Capital News Service dispatch dated 12/17/62, disclosed that on this date a group of Negro leaders, including Martin Luther King, Jr., were scheduled to meet with President Kennedy at the White House. They were to discuss a greater role for Negroes in US-African policies.

109-12-302-A Washington Capital News  
(37) Service 12/17/62

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Issue No. 48 of "The Thunderbolt" dated January, 1963, contained an article captioned "NSRP Pickets Martin Luther King in Dallas and Montgomery." The article indicated that King was the guest of "Negro revolutionaries in Montgomery, Ala.," and that King had come to Montgomery to speak at a meeting in which a "non-violent army" was to be formed by the "Red Negroes."

It was noted that "The Thunderbolt" was self-described as the official "White Racial Organ" of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) (105-66233).

105-66233-937 p. 17  
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During the testimony of Sidney Lens before the SISS (62-88217) on 2/15/63, in Washington, DC, a letterhead of "Liberation," an independent monthly which was described by Lens as a Gandhian publication, was introduced as an exhibit. This letterhead listed Lens as a member of the Editorial Board and set out a list of contributors, including Martin Luther King, Jr.

62-88217-2887 encl. p. 515  
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[REDACTED], furnished a copy of a news release type communication published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), dated 3/20/63. The communication set out information concerning the case of Thomas Carlton Mansley (157-311), a Negro youth under two sentences of death for alleged rape. The communication disclosed that the SCLC, headed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., and the SCEF, New Orleans, La., had requested friends and cooperating groups throughout the nation to join in protests to State and US officials concerning the severe punishment, lack of concrete evidence and the general shortcomings of Mansley's trials.

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The "NY Times," dated 4/4/63, carried an article entitled "US Negroes Plan Active Link With Peoples of African Nations." This article commented on a decision to establish a permanent liaison between American Negro leaders and the new African nations. A permanent national organization was to be formed and the decision was made by the committee that organized the American Negro Conference on Africa the previous November. This committee was composed of Martin Luther King, Jr. and leaders of other Negro organizations. King was unable to attend the meeting where the above mentioned decision was made.

61-3176-A "NY Times" 4/4/63  
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[REDACTED] advised that Benjamin J. Davis (100-149163) had stated that he planned to visit the SCLC office of Martin Luther King, Jr. b7(D)

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105-110892-40 p. 4  
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The Congressional Record (66-1731) for 5/15/63, on pages 3238-8259, set out a series of articles which had appeared in the "NY Herald Tribune," under the title "Ten Negroes," written by Robert S. Bird. One of the articles, which appeared in the "Tribune" on 5/2/63, set out an interview of Martin Luther King by Bird. (Article set out)

Pages of Congressional Record enclosed  
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Washington Capital News Service release dated 5/17/63, revealed that the United Presbyterian Church (94-1-11600) had invited Martin Luther King, Jr. to address its 175th Assembly, which was then in session at Des Moines, Iowa. They asked him to speak on "Responsibility of the Church In the Present Racial Crisis." (Director's notation)

94-1-11600-20  
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Letter to the AG dated 5/23/63, made reference to the progress which had been made in establishing liaison with the leaders of the principal groups which favored or advocated integration. It was noted, however, that a few Negro leaders, including Rev. Martin Luther King, had refused to meet or cooperate on a liaison basis with the FBI.

157-00-54 p. 2  
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By airtel dated 5/7/63, Indianapolis submitted evidence concerning a Threat to Bomb Scottish Rite Auditorium, Fort Wayne, Indiana (157-883). A note dated 5/1/63, handprinted in pencil and signed "Ku Klux Klan, 1st Command Squad," indicated that the Auditorium would be bombed on the day that Dr. Martin Luther King planned to speak there.

The "Fort Wayne Journal Gazette" issue of 5/1/63, carried an article which announced that Martin Luther King would speak at the Scottish Rite Auditorium on 5/28/63.

157-883-1 p. 1,3,4  
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Bureau memo, dated 10/22/63, captioned "Book Review: The Negro Protest, James Baldwin, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King talk with Kenneth B. Clark" (62-46855) pertained to a book published by Beacon Press, Boston, entitled "The Negro Protest." This book set out television interviews conducted by Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, Negro author and psychologist at the City College of NY, in May and June, 1963. King, in his interview, optimistically declared that the tide of world opinion, aroused conscience, determination of the Negro and the growing industrialization of the South would conjoin to bring about integration. (Data from Bufiles on Baldwin, Malcolm X, King and Clark set out)

62-46855-250  
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This reference set out information concerning criticism of Martin Luther King and his policy of non-violence in civil rights matters by Malcolm X (100-399321) and Jeremiah X, members of the NOI, during the months of May and June, 1963. Also set out was information concerning taped interviews of King, Malcolm X and James Baldwin which were presented over NY Television Station WNT on a program entitled "The Negro and the American Promise" on 6/4/63.

100-399321-74 p. 16,18,19,21,26  
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157-764-5 p. 1  
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Bureau memo dated 6/14/63, disclosed that Rev. Martin Luther King planned to attend the funeral of Medgar Evers, the slain NAACP leader, in Jackson, Miss., on 6/15/63, and would depart for Atlanta, Ga., later that day.

157-396-109 p. 3  
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SI 157-396-107 p. 2  
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157-417-19  
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Articles which appeared in "The Detroit News" issue of 6/24/63, contained information concerning the "Freedom March" which was held on 6/23/63, at Detroit, Mich. According to these articles, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., president of the SCLC, led and addressed the throng of 125,000 marchers and his triumphant reception was viewed as a huge personal success.

157-893-14 encl. p. 1-3,5  
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SI 157-893-16 encl. p. 1,2,4  
(672) ("The Detroit News" 6/3/63 and Rev. Charles W. Butler, 3975 Concord, Detroit, Mich., a member of the Detroit Council for Human Rights (157-893) - protect identity)

SI 157-893-18 encl. p. 1,3  
(672) ("The Detroit News" 6/16/63 and Stanley Kowalski, Detective, Criminal Information Bureau, Detroit PD)

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The "Washington Post and Times Herald," dated 6/28/63, carried an article entitled "King's Appointment at U. N. Stirs State." This article stated that the State Department was disturbed over a scheduled appearance of Martin Luther King before the U. N. Special Committee on Apartheid. King, a representative of the American Committee on Africa (105-43756), had asked to speak before the committee which was investigating South Africa's racial restriction practices. However, State Department officials feared that King would be forced to discuss the racial domestic issues in the US.

105-43756-1 "Washington Post and Times Herald" 6/28/63  
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100-7801-61-134 encl. p. 2  
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The "NY Journal-American," dated 7/16/63, carried the third in a series of articles by Louis E. Lomax (62-102926), entitled "The Negro View: Now or Never." The third article entitled "Leadership 'Disunity' Grows Graver," set out information concerning increasing friction among Negro leaders, notably Roy Wilkins of NAACP, Martin Luther King and James Farmer of CORE.

62-102926-A "NY Journal-American"  
(9,744) 7/16/63

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made available the names of the instructors, board of directors and sponsors of the Highlander Research and Education Center (61-7511), 1625 Riverside Drive, Knoxville, Tenn. Included in the list of sponsors was Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

61-7511-288 p. 5  
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A letter from [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, dated 8/16/63, enclosed a mimeographed letter, written by her and sent to a Congressman, which concerned communist activity behind the civil rights movement. In this enclosed letter [REDACTED] made the statement "If Robert Kennedy does not wake up to the fact that much

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of this rioting is communist inspired, he may wake up one fine morning and find John F. and Jackie sitting on the curb and a Martin Luther King, a Malcolm X, or one of their kind installed in the White House." Standfield stated that she had in her possession the now famous picture of King attending a communist school.

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100-9-36027

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[REDACTED] advised that the North End Community Project (100-440973) sponsored a demonstration on 9/15-16/63, at Hartford. Spokesmen for the group included Rev. Richard A. Battles and Peter Morrill who had contacted Martin Luther King in Birmingham to ask him what they could do in Hartford. King told them to demonstrate peacefully and contact President Kennedy asking for Federal intervention. The demonstration was held to protest the killing of 6 Negroes in Birmingham earlier that day.

100-440973-11

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[REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D) advised that from at least 9/30/63, Stanley David Levison had influenced Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the SCLC, in the direction of the activities and policies of the SCLC. *u*

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Bureau memo, dated 10/2/63, captioned "William Gilchrist Anderson, et al - Obstruction of Justice, Conspiracy, Perjury, Juvenile Delinquency Act" (72-1495), advised that Negro leaders, including Martin Luther King, had expressed "concern and displeasure" to the Department of Justice and the press over the indictments handed down in this case.

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157-1022-16 encl. p. 3  
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The 10/16/63, issue of the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" carried an article entitled "HUAC Work Debated Here." The chairman of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (100-433447), Frank Wilkinson, stated in a debate at Pittsburgh that the accusations at HUAC hearings, "such as calling Martin Luther King a dupe of communism, are often baseless but add fuel to racial hatreds." Wilkinson had participated in a debate on 10/15/63, with Fulton Lewis III at Skibo Hall, Carnegie Institute of Technology.

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Washington Capital News Service release dated 11/7/63, revealed that Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke at the 5th annual Ghandi Memorial Lecture at Howard University (94-1-7441), Washington, DC., on 11/6/63. He warned that if Congress did not pass a civil rights bill, the country would be plunged "into a night of darkness and violence."

94-1-7441-A Washington Capital News  
(11) Service 11/7/63

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A letter from [REDACTED] Stamford, Conn., dated 11/13/63, included the question "Are A. Philip Randolph and Martin Luther King completely free from whatever communist affiliations they may have had?"

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Bureau letter to [REDACTED], dated 11/18/63, advised her that the files of the Bureau were confidential, therefore her question could not be answered.

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[REDACTED] furnished a report containing information pertaining to contacts [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Reference was made to money that had been contributed by the [REDACTED] and the fact that it was stated when this money was contributed that it was not to be used in the assassination of the President of the US. [REDACTED] made the statement "So far as attacking the NAACP, Martin Luther King ought to have been dead a long time ago." [REDACTED] stated that he knew of attempts that had been made to kill him but they had fallen through. He didn't want to be associated with killing public officials and wouldn't be, if he knew it.

62-109060-1525 encl. p. 2  
(94)

[REDACTED] was contacted at the home [REDACTED] stated that 3 or 4 weeks previously, a janitor gave him two cards that he had found while cleaning the Metropolitan Auditorium in Nashville, following a meeting of the White Citizens Council. These cards, which gave no indication of their source or who printed them, depicted 3 graves with the following wording on the grave stones: "J.F.K. 1964", "Martin Luther King, Now" and "Bobby Kennedy, 1964." [REDACTED] stated that these cards were found before 11/22/63, but were not turned over to him until after that date. He had requested that [REDACTED] send one of these cards to the FBI in Washington, DC, but he hadn't been sure it had been received.

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SI 62-109060-3083 p. 239  
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By letter dated 1/4/64, [REDACTED] Washington, DC, advised that he had sent to the President, the AG and Martin Luther King, Jr., copies of an appeal written by him entitled "An Appeal to the Youth of America to Join Politics." This appeal set out various steps that should be taken to improve educational facilities and opportunities for the youth of America who should become interested in politics.

Copy of letter to King enclosed  
94-5-53548  
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[REDACTED], was interviewed concerning the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., 9/15/63 (157-1025), and other related bombings. [REDACTED] stated that he believed that Martin Luther King and other Negro leaders might have instigated the bombings in order to gain support in desegregation matters.

157-1025-844 p. 5,7  
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The 1/18/64, issue of the "People's World" (61-10170) carried an article entitled "Interdependence of Peace and Civil Rights." This article commented on an article written by Martin Luther King, Jr., in the 1/4/64, issue of the "NY Amsterdam News," in which King gave his views of the 1964 civil rights struggle. (Excerpts from King's article were quoted.)

61-10170-A "P" 1/18/64  
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On 2/2/64, US Secret Service made available a copy of the "American Capsule News" (157-1543), a Washington, DC, newsweekly, dated 1/25/64, which issue contained an article captioned, "Segregation." This article set out information concerning the assassination, within the next six months, of four "symbols" of racial agitation, namely: the Negro, the Jew, the Catholic and the "all-around-so-and-so." According to information received from a Miami tipster, Martin Luther King had been selected to represent the first (Negro) category in this plot.

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By airtel dated 2/6/64, Milwaukee reported the events relating to the public rally that Rev. Martin Luther King addressed at the Milwaukee Auditorium, Milwaukee, Wisc., on 1/27/64. At various times during the day, telephone calls were received in connection with bomb threats. Rev. King made his address without incident, however, and departed Milwaukee on 1/27/64, enroute to Chicago, Ill.

As a result of Rev. King's appearance, a sum of \$2000 was scheduled to be directed to the SCLC.

Sources of information were the "Milwaukee Sentinel" 12/16/63 and 1/30/64, "The Milwaukee Journal" 1/28/64, and [REDACTED]

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157-1263-12 p. 3  
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The "NY Journal-American," dated 3/27/64, carried an article entitled "King and Malcolm X Join in Protest Vow." Both King and Malcolm X, after viewing the Senate's civil rights debate, stated that there would be Negro demonstrations in Washington if the debate turned into a filibuster. King and Malcolm X met and talked briefly after a press conference held by King in a Senate conference room.

62-106300-A "NY Journal-American"  
(2) 3/27/64

Savannah letter, dated 3/30/64, revealed that Hosea Williams, Editor of "The Crusader," official newspaper of the Chatham Crusade for Voters (100-437954), left Savannah, Ga., for Jacksonville, Fla., as an aide to Martin Luther King, Jr., in connection with the SCLC. (No further information)

100-437954-12  
(28)

The "Detroit Free Press" dated 3/30/64, carried an article entitled "NAACP Replies to King's Aide." The article stated that the NAACP (61-3176) made a sharp rebuttal to Wyatt Tee Walker, Executive Director of the SCLC and aide to Martin Luther King, who had stated that some NAACP leaders had approached King's associates and told them "You have proved your point. Slow up so you won't offend our white friends." (Excerpts of article set out)

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Letter to the Director from the AAG, dated 4/13/64, enclosed a telegram from Martin Luther King, Jr., to the AG dated 3/31/64. This telegram advised of a brutal beating given to Rev. Paul Chapman (44-25068) in Williamston, N.C., in connection with a demonstration and requested a full investigation.

44-25068-1

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On 10/10/63, at a press conference called by NOI in San Francisco, Malcolm K. Little (Malcolm X) (100-399321) criticized the NAACP and Martin Luther King.

The 3/15/64 issue of the "NY Herald Tribune" contained an article which revealed that Martin Luther King denounced a suggestion of Malcolm X that Negroes form rifle clubs to defend themselves.

The 4/26/64 issue of the "NY Herald Tribune" contained an article in which Jackie Robinson, former professional baseball player, criticized Malcolm X and the fact that newspapers were giving him so much publicity. Robinson stated that Malcolm X had not faced Southern police dogs in Birmingham as had King, nor gone to jail like some other Negro leaders had, yet he received more publicity than these responsible leaders.

Add. info. according to the "Washington Daily News" 3/27/64.

100-399321-125 p. 17,49,53,54

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100-441765-89 p. 35,36

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"The Tuscaloosa News," Tuscaloosa, Ala., issue of 5/19/64, contained an item which set forth the demands of the Tuscaloosa Citizens For Action Committee (TCAC) (157-1647) and indicated that these demands had been directed to Tuscaloosa city officials. These demands included integration of public facilities and equal job opportunities. The TCAC was an affiliate of the SCLC, which was headed by Rev. Martin Luther King.

157-1647-10  
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Issue #59 of "The Thunderbolt" dated May - June, 1964, carried a caption, "Martin Luther King's Secret Plans For Revolution Revealed." Under this caption was a photograph of Rev. Martin Luther King and an article which explained the alleged plans of King in this regard.

It was noted that "The Thunderbolt" was self described as the "Official White Racial Organ of the NSRP" (National States Rights Party) (105-66233).

105-66233-1366 p. 4,5  
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[REDACTED] advised that Rev. James Bevel of the SCLC addressed a meeting of the Citizens Committee For Constitutional Liberties (100-434917), held at Town Hall on 6/4/64. Bevel stated that he thought that when people like Martin Luther King were called communists, many Negroes, not knowing what communism was, would want to join the CP.

100-434917-401 p. 6  
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An article in the "Savannah Morning News," Savannah, Ga., dated 6/21/64, revealed that Governor Farris Bryant of Florida had banned night demonstrations in St. Augustine. Bryant's executive order stated that conditions had deteriorated in St. Augustine since King began his summer-long integration push several weeks previously.

56-3545-2 encl. p. 2-4

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SI 100-441765-159 encl. p. 2

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"The Washington Post and Times Herald," issue of 7/2/64, carried an article captioned "King Plans Accommodations Tests to Bring Law Home to the South," datelined St. Augustine, Fla., 7/1/64. The article indicated that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., had disclosed his summer program of enforcing and testing civil rights legislation in the South. Rev. King cited Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma, Tuscaloosa and Gadsden, Ala., and Albany and Savannah, Ga., as prime targets for direct action.

173-1-1 "Washington Post and Times  
(70) Herald" 7/2/64

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Bureau memo, dated 7/2/64, captioned "The Summer Ahead" a program presented by Columbia Broadcasting System (94-4-925), set out the results of a monitor on this program which was presented on 7/1/64. Statements by Roy Wilkins, James Farmer and Martin Luther King, Jr. were presented which, in general, predicted unrest and the possibility of violence in enforcing the new civil rights legislation which was then pending.

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The Congressional Record\* set out information concerning the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (173-1). This report indicated that agitators in the South, including such leaders as Martin Luther King, had entered many communities and inspired criminal actions by members of their race.

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Jacksonville teletype dated 7/17/64, disclosed that at a press conference at St. Augustine, Fla., on that date, Martin Luther King, Jr., discussed desegregation of public accommodations. He threatened to resume mass racial demonstrations unless integration was brought about. King stated that SCLC attorneys would file suits against accommodations refusing service. Fred Martin, SCLC official, advised that King had contacted the Governor's office to protest the situation. King reportedly departed St. Augustine that afternoon for Jacksonville and an eventual unknown destination.

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, reported that a rally sponsored by the Michigan Committee for a Freedom Now Party (105-123706) was held on 8/2/64 in Detroit, Mich. According to source, the speakers who addressed the rally were critical of Martin Luther King's laxity in connection with his recent vocal performances in behalf of the Negro. The speakers stated that King and other Negro leaders were following the dictates of the white man.

105-123706-164 encl. p. 3,4  
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By airtel dated 3/12/64, Philadelphia furnished verbatim transcripts of telephone messages received by dialing Telephone Number CO 3-6520. The messages presented a discourse on political and racial issues and began and ended with the phrase, "Let Freedom Ring" (157-1704).

The message of 8/4/64, described the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King as a leftist or front organization. The message of 8/5/64 disclosed that both the Senate and House Committee had identified the SCLC, headed by Martin Luther King, as a major communist organ in the South.

157-1704-7 encl. p. 5,6  
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This reference set out the results of a conversation between [REDACTED] and a Bureau official [REDACTED] named Martin Luther King as one of those individuals in the Negro movement who were responsible for criticism of the FBI. He described King as a dumb Negro who was never original

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in his leadership, did not show initiative and obviously took orders from hidden sources. According to [redacted] King was the epitome of selfishness and ego. [redacted] was advised, in the strictest confidence, of King's affiliations [redacted]

[redacted] was puzzled at first as to why Stanley Levison was meeting King at various airports and other places. He also stated that Clarence Jones was believed to be a communist and often traveled with King and showed up at meetings with him. Negro leaders felt that King was back of Jones' most recent failure, the Ghandi Society For Human Rights. (Director's notation) b7(c)

61-3176-4087 p. 1,3-5

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[redacted] b7(D) advised on 8/14/64, that Jackie Robinson, 103 Cascade Road, Stamford, who was active nationally in the civil rights movement, had presented fund raising concerts at his residence which had been attended on at least one occasion by civil rights leaders Martin Luther King and Roy Wilkins.

100-441968-70

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[redacted] b7(D) advised that Martin Luther King stated that the NAACP would hold a rally in "Public Square," Atlantic City, N.J., on 8/23/64. King indicated that he would stay for the rally, which would coincide with the Democratic National Convention (100-442527). [redacted]

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[redacted] b7(D) advised that King did not attend)

[redacted] b7(c) furnished information concerning the National Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (157-2118) which he had attended in Atlanta, Ga., during the week of 9/29/64. [redacted] stated that during an address to the convention, Rev. Martin Luther King emphasized the Negro registration issue and stated that the need for demonstrations had passed.

157-2118-1

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On 9/30/64, [REDACTED], Hotel DeSoto, Savannah, Ga., advised that a bomb threat had been received at the Hotel at approximately 7:30 p.m. on that date. b7(c)

It was noted that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., was present at the DeSoto for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (157-2071) banquet which was scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

On 9/30/64, [REDACTED] Savannah PD, advised that as of 12 midnight, no further incidents were reported and the banquet had been held as scheduled. b7(c)

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The 10/30/64 issue of the "Miami News" carried an article entitled "Cuba Talk Broken Up At U - M." The article stated that Dave Dellinger, editor of "Liberation," a NY published magazine, spoke at the University of Miami, Miami, Fla., on 10/29/64, on the subject "Shall the U.S. Recognize Castro's Cuba." He stated that among the contributors to his magazine was Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dellinger was identified on the letterhead of the Committee For Non-Violent Action, 325 Lafayette St., NYC (100-426761) as a member of the Executive Committee of that organization.

100-426761-1391 encl. p. 4  
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[REDACTED] was interviewed concerning his activities with the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) (100-442684). He furnished copies of the RAM publication "Black America." The copies of this publication for May-June 1963, July 1963 and Fall 1964, contained articles which were critical of Martin Luther King and his approach to the civil rights program. King was considered a tool of the white power structure.

Copies of "Black America" enclosed  
100-442684-120 encl. p. 3,5,6,11,27,  
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[REDACTED] advised on 11/8/64, that he was a distant relative of Dr. Martin Luther King, but his explanation of this relationship was vague and confused. (No further information concerning King)

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The "NY Journal-American," dated 11/14/64, carried an article entitled "Hospital Union on Move Across Nation" by Victor Riesel. This article stated that recently when the Drug and Hospital Employees Union (100-415473) was formed in New Jersey, a mass meeting was held at the Military Park Hotel in Newark and addressed by Nobel Prize-winner, Martin Luther King, who lauded the group on their organizing crusade.

100-415473-A "NY Journal-American"  
(27) 11/14/64

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[REDACTED] Ku Klux Klan [REDACTED] was held near [REDACTED]. Informants reported that there was considerable discussion concerning the elimination of Martin Luther King and that King's life might be taken when he visited McComb, Miss. Informants indicated that two men with high powered rifles might be used in this attempt.

157-5-54-32 encl. p. 1  
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"New York Times" issue dated 11/16/64, contained an article datelined Jackson, Miss., 11/15/64, captioned "Rights Units Spur Mississippi Drive; More Whites Help." The article indicated that attacks against segregation and discrimination would continue in Mississippi. The SCLC, headed by Rev. Martin Luther King, planned a nation-wide boycott of Mississippi products as a means to force the State to comply with the civil rights law.

157-1676-A "New York Times"  
(69) 11/16/64

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The 11/17/64 edition of "The Worker" contained an article captioned "Negro Leaders Ask LBJ for National Conference." According to the article, seven Negro leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., directed a letter to President Johnson in which they requested him to call a conference on how to implement the Civil Rights Act and develop broad anti-poverty programs. The group requested a meeting with the President in order to discuss a means to launch this campaign and to discuss the future problems with respect to the full implementation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (173-1).

173-1-A "The Worker" 11/17/64  
(70)

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By letter dated 11/20/64, [REDACTED] North, Fort Payne, Ala., advised that he was pleased with the Director's remarks about Martin Luther King. [REDACTED] stated that he was sending proof that King was part of a communist front in the US. [REDACTED] enclosed a statement by Benton Lee Johnston in which he described his affiliation with the CP and the efforts the CP made to get him, Johnston, to join the NAACP (61-3176).

61-3176-4107  
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[REDACTED] WGHP-TV, 400 North Main St., High Point, N.C., advised that the station presented a taped video interview with Rev. B. Elton Cox (157-2263) on 11/25/64. During the course of the interview, Rev. Cox expressed his wholehearted support to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and James Farmer in their attack on the Director and the FBI.

157-2263-1 encl. p. 1  
(69)

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"The New York Times" issue of 11/29/64, contained an article captioned "U.S. Negroes Ask a Shift on Africa" which announced that six American Negro leaders had indicated to the Administration that they favored a complete revision of the US policies in Africa. By letters to President Johnson and Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other Negro leaders requested an opportunity to discuss their views at the White House.

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The remarks included in the letters from the Negro leaders were drawn from resolutions passed by the American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa (105-116631), held on 9/24-27/64, at Washington, DC. The article indicated that the Negro leaders were members of the Conference's Call Committee.

105-116631-A "New York Times"  
(36) 11/29/64  
SI 64-175-336-A Washington Capital  
(10) News Service 11/28/64

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In a letter to the Director from [REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] Snohomish, Wash., dated 11/30/64, [REDACTED] stated that before the Director was removed from public office at the request of Martin Luther King and associates, she wanted to suggest that the public be advised of certain information concerning Bayard Rustin, King's former secretary. (Information on Rustin set out)

62-109811-4421  
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The Drew Pearson (94-8-350) Broadcast of 12/5/64, contained Mr. Pearson's comments concerning the meeting\* between the Director and Dr. Martin Luther King. Pearson stated that "J. Edgar Hoover was so glad to see Dr. Martin Luther King and did so much of the talking that King was hardly able to put in a word." (Director's notation)

94-8-350-1338 p. 1  
(12)

\*Director's office, Washington, DC, 12/1/64

Bureau memo, dated 12/5/64, captioned "The Les Crane Show - Television Program, WMLL-TV, Channel 7" a presentation of the American Broadcasting Company (94-1-32254) revealed that on this program on 12/4/64, Crane opened by asking two questions of his studio audience. One was "Was J. Edgar Hoover imprudent in making his statements about Martin Luther King?" The other was "Should he be removed?" Two members of the audience answered in the affirmative. Crane also introduced Attorney William Kunstler of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Robert Morris, former counsel for the SISS. They discussed the Director's controversy with King. Kunstler was critical of the Director and the FBI while Morris defended them.

94-1-32254-309  
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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of 12/10/64, contained an item captioned "A Battle Over," in an article by William Rollins entitled "Names and Faces." The item indicated that Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., addressed a news conference in Oslo, Norway, where he was scheduled to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Rev. King discussed the accomplishments and future aims of the American civil rights movement.

173-0-1 "New York Herald Tribune"  
(708) 12/10/64

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The following references in the file captioned "CP, USA," contain information pertaining to the activities of Martin Luther King. The National Committee of the CP stated that the CP would not join groups who were against the King movement and in general supported King and his non-violent approach to the civil rights problem. King was acquainted with CP leaders such as Hunter Pitts O'Dell and Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., both National Committee members. O'Dell had been an executive officer of King's SCLC. During the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott in 1956, some of King's followers stated that since King was found guilty by the white courts, the Negroes would continue the boycott with the support of the NAACP who was supplying the money and the CP which was keeping unity within the ranks.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-3-7693 p. 53	(138)
-7737 p. 53, 54, 62-64, 72	(138)
100-3-1-816 p. 49	(818)
100-3-4-9412 p. 48	(138)
100-3-7-1715 p. 31	(318)
100-3-14-3877 p. 67	(138)
100-3-33-396 p. 1-4	(138)
100-3-37-597 p. 4	(138)
100-3-47-1297 p. 5, 8	(138)
100-3-105-510 p. 17	(148)

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The following references in the file captioned "CP, USA" contain information pertaining to the activities of Martin Luther King in connection with CP influence in the civil rights movement. King was in contact with CP and alleged CP members. Categories set out below:

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

International Relations

100-3-81-A "The Worker" 12/9/62 (13)

Communist Attacks Against the FBI

100-3-95-A "The Worker" 11/25/62 (13)

Counterintelligence Program

100-3-104-3901 p. 1-4 (14)

100-3-104-34-608 (14)

Negro Question

100-3-116-76 (15)  
98 (15)  
329 (15)  
331 (15)  
415 (Director's Notation) (15)  
443 (Copy of "The Lutheran" 9/11/63 enclosed) (15)  
550 (2)  
503 encl. p. 1-3 (15)  
571 (15)  
572 (15)  
579 (15)  
584 encl. p. 4 (15)  
591 (15)  
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607 (16)  
618 (16)  
643 (16)  
645 (16)  
718 (16)  
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844 encl. p. 2 (16)  
857 p. 1,2, encl. p.1-3,5 (16)  
863 p. 1-4 (16)  
875 p. 2 (17)

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100-3-116-889	encl. p. 1-5	(17)
893	encl. p. 1-3	(17)
942		(17)
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981		(17)
984		(17)
990	encl. p. 1,2	(17)
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1055	encl. p. 2	(18)
1061	p. 4	(18)
1105	p. 2, encl. p.1,2	(18)
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1335	p. 3-6	(19)
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1560	encl. p. 1-4	(19)
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1582		(19)
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1657	encl. p. 1,3,4,6	(20)
1660		(20)
1677		(20)
1679	p. 1-3	(20)
1680	(Photograph)	(20)
1703		(20)
1736		(20)
1762		(20)
1780		(20)
1801		(20)
1913		(20)
1946		(20,72)

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100-3-116-1958 p. 1-5	(21)
1962 p. 5,6	(21)
1963 p. 2	(21)
1968 p. 2,3	(21)
1975 p. 2,8-10	(21)
2035 p. 7	(21)
2077 p. 118-123	(21)
2115 p. 7,8	(21)
2143 p. 6,7	(21)
2187	(21)
2221 p. 9-11	(21)
2229 p. 3,4	(21)
2246 p. 1-4	(22)
-A "The Worker" 9/24/63	(22)
-A Washington Capital News Service 4/23/64	(22)
-A "NY Journal American" 4/26/64	(22)
-A King Features Syndicate 5/5/64	(22)
-A "NY Journal American" 7/23/64	(22)
-A "NY Times" p. 1 8/10/64	(22)

The following references in the file captioned "American Nazi Party" (ANP), file #105-70374, contain information pertaining to the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr. Information was set out regarding the efforts of the ANP and George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the ANP, to counteract the activities of King. Members of the ANP travelled to Danville, Va., to recruit persons to participate in a countermarch on 8/28/63 in Washington, DC. ANP members agitated against King during a speaking engagement in Danville and a White House visit on 12/3/63. King was also assaulted by a member of the ANP in Birmingham while he was speaking.

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1869	(35)
2394	(35)
2395	(35)
2809 encl. p. 3-8,10	(35)
2810	(35)
2861	(35)
2932 p. 15,16	(36)

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The following references in the file captioned "March on Washington, 8/28/63," file #157-970, contain information concerning the plans, activities and results of the March. Rev. Martin Luther King was one of the ten co-chairmen of this event and was instrumental in its promotion. According to sources, a portion of the financial burden was expected to be borne by the SCLC.

Rev. King was also included in the delegation to visit the White House prior to the March to meet with the President.

According to literature from the American Nazi Party, "The Rockwell Report," the March was communist inspired and Martin Luther King was depicted as a communist.

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14 encl. p. 3	(67)
301 encl. p. 2	(67)
347 p. 1	(67)
350 encl. p. 1	(67)
368 encl. p. 1,2	(67)
481 encl. p. 1	(67)
493 encl. p. 4	(67)
548	(68)
675	(68)
697 encl. p. 7	(68)
924 encl. p. 2,3	(68)
972 encl. p.4,35-37B,57	(68)
1017 p. 3	(68)
1018 encl. p.1,2,8,11,24,26,27	(68)

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The following references in the file captioned "Nation of Islam" (NOI), file #25-330971, contain information pertaining to Martin Luther King. The NOI, a pro-segregationist group, was extremely critical of King and his integration efforts. He was called a traitor to the black man and NOI members were forbidden to aid him in his integration efforts. King stated in a sermon that the growth or decline of the black Muslims would depend on whether solutions were found to the conditions that brought it into being.

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25-330971-6267 p. 63,70,126.	(5)
6513	(5)
6591	(5)
6680 p. 46,60,63-65,71,72,76,83, 88,89,96,137,157	(5)

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25-330971-23-20 p. 6,7	(5)
25-330971-32-22 p. 5	(5)
25-330971-34-88	(5)
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127 p. 1, encl. p. 2-5, 45	(5)
154 p. 38	(5)
25-330971-36-2	(5)
25-330971-37-60 p. 6	(6)
25-330971-39-15	(80)
25-330971-41-15 p. 55, 56	(6)
23 p. 13, 15, 31	(6)
25-330971-46-19 p. 8	(6)
25-330971-64-6 p. 6	(6)

The following references on Martin Luther King, Jr., pertain to meetings of the NOI at which speakers and leaders of the NOI criticized King and his non-violent civil rights movement.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-431140-11 p. 5,7	(27)
100-437971-7 p. 8-10, 15	(28)
100-440387-6 p. 6,7	(31)
100-440611-3 p. 4	(32, 78) (Add. info.)
105-24951-38 p. 11, 12	(35)
105-67621-28 p. 10	(35)

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The following references in the file captioned "Cominfil of Congress of Racial Equality," file #100-225892, contain information pertaining to the activities of Martin Luther King. King conducted a CORE "workshop" held on 4/15/60, at Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C. CORE reportedly offered King \$600 to go to Gadsden, Ala., during racial demonstrations, to raise money for CORE. King allegedly refused unless he was given \$1200, however, it was later stated that King was expected in Gadsden to take over leadership of the desegregation demonstrations. William Patterson, NY State Chairman, CP, stated that the CP must work with the NAACP, CORE, the Negro American Labor Council and King's organization\* for Negro equality, even though these organizations did not recognize the CP. 

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104	(24)
632	(24)
643	(24)
644	(24)
718 p. 22	(24)

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The following references in the file captioned "Cominfil of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference," file #100-438794, contain information pertaining to the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., President of this organization.

SERIAL	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
13 p. 2-6	(29)
15 p. 1-5,14,17,18,21,22,26	(29)
18	(29)
19	(29)
20 encl. p. 1-3	(29)
21 p. 3,2-4,7-10	(29)
28 p. 2,3	(29)
33	(29)
38 p. 1,2	(29)
61 p. 2,8,10-13	(29,74,75)
62	(29)
75 p. 2,3,5-8	(29)
89 p. 2	(29)
90 p. 2,6,9-18	(30,74)
95 p. 3,7,10-18	(30)
107 p. 1,encl. p. 1	(30)
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143 p. 2,4,5,7,9-13	(30)
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157 encl. p. 2-4	(31)
165 encl. p. 6	(31)
177 encl. p. 1,4	(31)
178 encl. p. 2	(31)
181 encl. p. 1,2	(31)
188	(31)
194 p. 3,4,6,7	(31)
210 p. 2-6,8,10	(31)
213	(31)

The following references in the file captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference - Racial Matters," file #157-632, contain information pertaining to the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., President of this organization.

SERIAL	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
30 encl. (SCLC 1962 annual reports enclosed)	(64)
35 encl. p. 1,2	(64)
40 encl. p. 1,2	(64)
41 encl. p. 2,3	(64)
42 encl. p. 1,2	(64)
47 encl. p. 1,2	(64)
49 encl. p. 1,3,4,6,7,9,11 (Copy of 7th Annual Convention SCLC program enclosed)	(65)
51 encl. p. 2	(65)
52 encl. p. 1,2	(65)
54	(65)
62	(65)
63	(65)
64 encl. p. 1-4	(65)
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The following references in the file captioned "United Klans of America, Inc." (UKA), file #157-370, contain information concerning the meetings of various klaverns of the UKA in Georgia, Alabama and Virginia from 8/21/62 to 8/10/64. Rev. Martin Luther King, a prime target at these affairs, was repeatedly criticized for his activities and was charged as being a communist and a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. On one occasion a "stuffed dummy" of Rev. King was lashed to a pole. Aside from this incident and the usual plans to oppose King in his racial struggle, no plans for activities of a violent nature were noted in the references.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-370-2-150 encl. p. 2	(63)
157-370-4-90 p. 6,9,10,16,17	(63)
157-370-8-134 p. 2	(63)
157-370-24-67 encl. p. 1	(64)
157-370-49-19 p. 13,21	(64)
52 p. 36	(64)
70 p. 8	(73)
157-370-61-51 p. 10	(64)
54	(63)
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The following references in the file captioned "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF)," file #100-10355, contain information pertaining to the activities of Martin Luther King with this organization. King appeared at civil rights meetings on the same platform with officials of the SCEF, and spoke at SCEF affairs. The head of the organization, Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, was a close associate of King's. He corresponded with SCEF leaders and had once asked two SCEF field secretaries to become permanently associated with the SCLC. ?

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1013 p. 1,2	(23)
1014 p. 14	(72)
1036 p. 13-15,22	(23)
1040	(23)
1074	(23)
1080 encl. p. 19,50,78,80-85, 87-91,	(23)
94,95,125	
1096 p. 23,33	(23)

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The following references in the file captioned "Communist Influence In Racial Matters (CIRM)," file #100-442529, contain information pertaining to communist influence on Martin Luther King and the SCLC. Several officials of the SCLC had been identified as former members of the CP, Young Communist League and Labor Youth League. The CP agreed with King in his peaceful resistance program to advance the Negro. A CP official in Louisiana allegedly stated that money the CP was using to aid in registering Negroes to vote in Louisiana had actually come from King's group.

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60 encl. p. 1,2	(33)✓
173 encl. p. 2,3	(33)✓
236 encl. p. 1,2	(33)✓
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243 encl. p. 1-3	(33)✓
277 p. 5	(33)✓
282 p. 28	(33)✓
285 p. 1,9,14	(33)✓
290 p. 8-11	(33)✓
296	(33)✓
310 p. 4,15,88	(33)✓
347	(34)
392 encl. p. 1,2	(34)
506 p. 2	(34)✓

The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters - Segregation," file #157-6, set out information pertaining to the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., in the civil rights movement. King, considered one of the leaders of the integration movement, traveled extensively, addressed various civil rights groups, led demonstrations and attended other affairs honoring him for his fight in acquiring equal rights for Negroes. He was arrested on numerous occasions in connection with these demonstrations.

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157-6-61	(39)✓
66 p. 1	(39)✓
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81 p. 1	(39)✓
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118 (Director's notation)	(39)
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157-6-A "Washington Evening Star"	(39)
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-A Washington Capital News	(39)
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-A Washington Capital News Ser-	(39)
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157-6-2-740	(40)
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-A "Washington Post and Times Herald" 4/4/63	(49)
-A "Washington Evening Star" 9/17/63	(49)
-A "Washington Post and Times Herald" 10/16/63	(49)
-A "Birmingham Post Herald" 11/11/64	(49)
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157-6-27-231 encl. p. 6-9 (52)  
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-A Louisville, Ky. "Courier-  
Journal" 3/6/64 (53)  
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157-6-56-165 encl. p. 1,2,4-7 (60)  
201 encl. p. 3,4 (60)  
231 encl. p. 7,15,44,45 (60)

157-6-61-142 (60)  
144 encl. p. 3,5 (60)  
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148 encl. p. 2,3,8,12,13 (60,73)  
149 encl. p. 1-4 (60)  
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440 encl. p. 1,2,4 (60)  
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563 encl. p. 1,2 (61)  
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658 (62)  
696 encl. p. 3,17,27 (62)  
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157-6-63-713 (62)  
1212 (62)  
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1346 (62)  
1351 p. 1,2,4 (62)  
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157-6-64-718 (63)  
157-6-65-27 (63)

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The following references in the file captioned "School Integration" file #157-4, contain information pertaining to the activities of Rev. Martin Luther King in his pursuit for complete desegregation of the schools in the South in 1962 and 1963. The references indicated that Rev. King was equally active in attempts to secure additional employment, civil rights and voter registration for the Negroes in Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas, North Carolina and Mississippi.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-4-2-195 encl. p. 2,3	(38)✓
157-4-4-308 p. 8,10,12,33 412 encl. p. 4	(39)✓ (39)✓
157-4-8-46 encl. p. 8,11	(38)
157-4-25-101 encl. p. 2	(38)✓
157-4-28-117 encl. p. 9	(38)✓
157-4-61-45 191 encl. p. 8	(38)✓ (38)✓

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The following references in the file captioned "Bombings in Birmingham, Ala., 5/11/63," file #157-881, contain information concerning the bombings at the residence of Rev. A.D.L. King, brother of Rev. Martin Luther King, and at the Gaston Motel, Birmingham, Ala. On 5/16/63, Rev. King advised that although he had rooms rented at the Motel on the night of the bombings, he had not remained in Birmingham. Rev. King returned to Birmingham and addressed mass meetings on 5/12 and 13/63, despite efforts to discourage him by the Departmental attorney in Birmingham. King urged all participants at the meetings to refrain from acts of violence.

The references further indicated that bomb threats were received at the Gaston Motel on 5/20/63, and that anonymous inquiries were made as to whether or not Rev. King was present at the Motel.

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29	(66)
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108 p. 2	(66)
195	(66)
205	(66)
241 p. 40,41,49,50,55	(66)
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The following books were written by Martin Luther King and are kept in the Bureau library.

TITLE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
"The Measure Of A Man"	(4)
"Strength To Love"	(4)
"Stride Toward Freedom - The Montgomery Story"	(4)
"Why We Can't Wait"	(4)

The following references pertain to books and articles or quotations from articles which were written by Martin Luther King, Jr.

TITLE	PUBLISHER OR PUBLICATION	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
"Stride Toward Freedom - The Montgomery Story"	Harper, 1958	62-46855-246X1	(8475)
"Strength to Love"	Harper and Row June, 1963		
"Why We Can't Wait"	Harper, 1964		
"The Measure of a Man"	Christian Education Press, Philadelphia, 1959	62-46855-246X2 -252	(8) (6)
"Something Happened to the Negro"	"The Lutheran" 9/11/63 United Lutheran Publication House, Philadelphia		

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The following references are reports furnished by Bureau informants as set out below which made reference to Martin Luther King. At various meetings of the SMLP and the Nation of Islam, references were made to King and his civil rights movement. The speakers at the Nation of Islam meetings were very critical of King and his policies.

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The following references on Martin Luther King, Jr., appear in the main file of Stanley David Levison, 100-392452. The references set out close association and activities engaged in by the two men in the affairs of the SCLC. Levison and his brother, Roy Bennett, were considered King's "brain trust" and King generally consulted Levison prior to making decisions. & u

Levison and Bennett were allegedly using King and his movement for their own personal gain. After King's association with Stanley Levison became public, he continued to contact Levison through an intermediary. & u

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229 p. A,B,C,D,E,G,H

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233 p. 1,2

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The following references on Martin Luther King, Jr., appear in the main file of Hunter Pitts O'Dell, 100-358916. The references set out close association and activities engaged in by the two men in the affairs of the SCLC. O'Dell worked for the SCLC as an executive and as King's advisor until O'Dell's CP connections were made public. The AMG advised King that due to O'Dell's CP activities it would not be to King's advantage to keep him in the organization, and King subsequently accepted his resignation. Several contacts were made between King and O'Dell subsequent to his resignation.

SERIAL	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
226 p. B,C,D,2-8	(25-75)
230	(25)
232 p. 1,3	(77)
233	(25)
239	(72)
245	(25)
270	(25)
281 p. 13	(25)
285 p. C,14,15	(25)

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references on Martin Luther King located in files maintained in Mr. Sullivan's office, Room 807 B, were not reviewed:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-3-116-762	(10)
1050	(17)
1051	(17)
1053	(17)

The following references on Martin Luther King and Luther King located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Files and Communications Division, Records Branch, were not reviewed:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-3-116-1287	(18)
1456 p. 1	(19)
100-392452-145	(20)
100-396864-341	(78)
100-428091-3957	(27)
3971	(27)
4077 p. 12	(27)

The following reference was not available during the time this summary was being prepared:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-13661-181	(23)

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

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March 31, 1965

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Chicago 46, Illinois

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 26th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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[REDACTED]  
Chicago Illinois

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Dear sir,

Is this picture true of Martin Luther King?

I would like to get some information on this paper. I dont believe this is true, makes me feel, that King is a Communist. What is your opinion on this copy?

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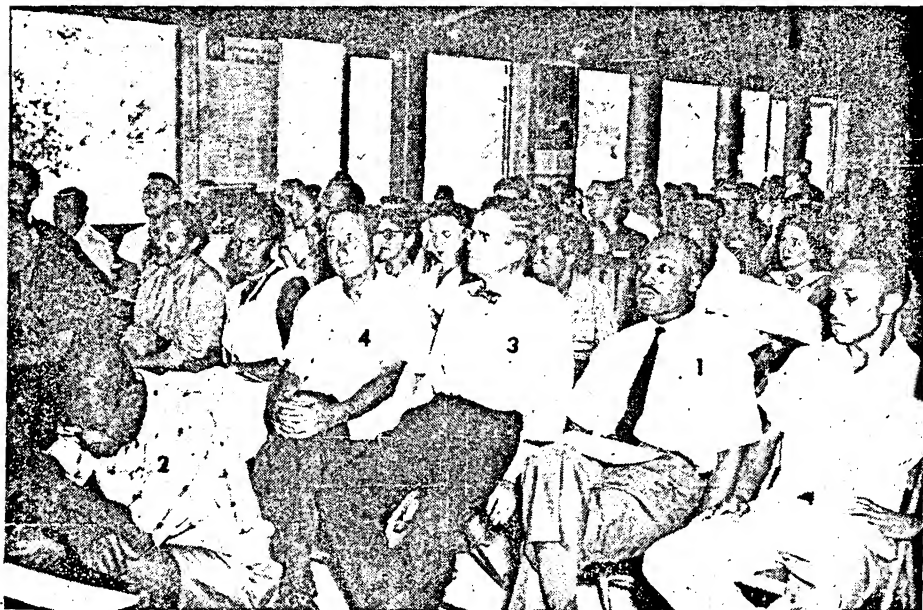
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# MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Trans-mission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

**JOIN THE AUGUSTA COURIER IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM**

Copies available - 100 for \$1.00 (include .30c stamps for postage)

Alert Americans Association, P. O. Box 1000, Atlanta, Georgia

March 30, 1965

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Ripon, California

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Dear [REDACTED]

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REC'D-READING ROOM  
FBI  
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Your letter of March 22nd has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the individual about whom you inquired nor can I suggest a source where you could obtain the information you desire.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

"Time for Decision"

"Our Heritage of Greatness"

Protecting the Innocent-Law Enforcement's Sacred Task

The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights

The FBI-Guardian of Civil Rights

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Dear Sir,

Please send any information available about  
Martin Luther King Jr. If none available for release, where  
may factual information be obtained about his training-  
background, associations etc. Thank you for this assistance.

  
Ripon, Calif.

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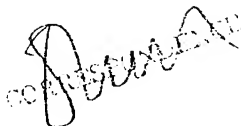
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3/29/65

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM  
RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED] advised this date that while on duty at ABC News the night of 3/28-29/65, he received a telephone call from an unidentified individual who stated that he and his group were going "to get" MARTIN LUTHER KING. [REDACTED] stated that he received this call at approximately 12:15 a.m., 3/29/65, and the caller talked for approximately ten minutes. During this time, the caller did not indicate who he was, who his group was nor when or where they would "get" KING. [REDACTED] stated that he believed this telephone call was a local call and that the person speaking was believed to be a man and that he had a "southern accent." [REDACTED] stated this individual had been listening to the TV program "Meet The Press" during the evening of 3/28/65 on which program MARTIN LUTHER KING had appeared. According to information in [REDACTED] office, this program originated at NBC, Washington, D.C., but that KING had appeared through NBC, San Francisco.

Local authorities and Secret Service, Washington Field Office, notified.

Atlanta will alert local authorities to the above threat.

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12-10-8 BY SP 426m/L 6076

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/30/65

Attached reports an anonymous threat against Martin Luther King, Jr. Local authorities Washington, D. C., where threat originated, as well as Atlanta, Georgia, local authorities advised. Dissemination being made to the Department and intelligence community.

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FBI

Date: 3/29/65

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, DENVER (100-9045) (RUC)  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

Re Atlanta airtel to Director 2/17/65.

The Boulder "Daily Camera" Newspaper, Boulder, Colorado, carried a news story prior to 3/25/65 to the effect that KING's lecture at the University of Colorado on 3/25/65, which had already been rescheduled for the third time, had been cancelled and it was not known whether further attempts to reschedule it would be made.

Denver will be alert for and report any further scheduling or lecturing.

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Special Agent in Charge

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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EX-102  
[REDACTED]  
Terre Haute, Indiana 47801

Dear [REDACTED]

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In response to your request, I would like to explain that information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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Terre Haute, Ind  
March 26, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
F.B.I.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have before me a pamphlet, a reprint from  
Augusta Courier July 8, 1963, charging Martin Luther King  
as a communist.

Now therefor for my information does your  
office have any evidence that King is a communist.

May I please have a reply.

Very truly

[REDACTED]

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CORRESPONDENCE

PHONE  
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RE:

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BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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URGENT 3-30-65

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, BALTIMORE, ATLANTA  
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED  
FROM DETROIT 301833

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C.

RE ATLANTA RADIOGRAM TO BUREAU, MARCH 29, LAST.  
REV. KING DEPARTED DETROIT AT 12:04 PM, TODAY, VIA  
AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER 910 FOR NEW YORK CITY.  
KING, WHILE IN DETROIT, AREA, DID NOT APPEAR PUBLICLY.  
FLIGHT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE KENNEDY AIRPORT, NYC, AT  
1:40 PM.

RECEIVED: 2:14 PM MMC

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
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              CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Date: 3/30/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164) (P)

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UNSUB; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO:WFO)

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Enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta are 8 and  
3 copies respectively of an LHM captioned as above.

Information contained in the LHM was furnished  
to SAs [REDACTED] b7c)

WFO will report any further developments.

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DATE FORW: 3-30-65  
HOW FORW: [REDACTED]  
BY: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 30, 1965

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED], advised on March 29, 1965, that while he was on duty at ABC News, Washington, D. C., the night of March 28 - 29, 1965, he received a telephone call from an unidentified individual who stated that he and his group were going "to get" Martin Luther King.

[REDACTED] stated he received this call at approximately 12:15 a.m., March 29, 1965, and that the unknown caller talked approximately ten minutes. During this time the caller did not indicate who he was, who his group was, nor when or where they would "get" King. [REDACTED] stated he believed this telephone call was a local call and that the person speaking was believed to be a man and that he had a "Southern accent."

[REDACTED] stated this individual had apparently been listening to the television program, "Meet the Press," during the evening of March 28, 1965, on which Martin Luther King had appeared. According to information in [REDACTED] office, this program had originated at NBC, Washington, D. C., but that King had appeared through NBC, San Francisco, California.

[REDACTED] Metropolitan Police Department, and [REDACTED] Secret Service, have been notified of the above matter. (Both Washington, D. C.)

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3-24-65

Attached reports threat on life of Martin Luther King, Jr., which information will be furnished to appropriate military, state and local police authorities, Selma and Montgomery. Charlotte instructed to furnish details to Atlanta so that Atlanta Police Department may be advised.

Mobile instructed not to notify King personally of this threat.

We are disseminating to Department and intelligence community.

AJD

*[Handwritten signature]*

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TO: DIRECTOR, MOBILE AND SELMA  
FROM: CHARLOTTE (157-NEW) 3-P

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THREAT TO WILL MARTIN LUTHER KING BY [REDACTED]  
PAREN, DURHAM, N.C., MARCH TWENTYFOUR NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE  
RACIAL MATTERS.

ABOUT ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE A. M. TODAY A PERSON IDENTIFYING  
SELF AS [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AT DURHAM, N.C. AND ASKED IF INFORMATION CONCERNING KILLING  
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING WOULD BE OF INTEREST. [REDACTED] INFERRED HE  
HAD JUST COMPLETED SERVING A LONG SENTENCE. [REDACTED] DECLINED TO  
FURNISH WHEREABOUTS BUT AGREED TO COME IMMEDIATELY TO DURHAM,  
N.C. WHICH HE FAILED TO DO.

AT ABOUT TWO THIRTYFIVE P. M. TODAY [REDACTED]

DURHAM, N.C., [REDACTED]

ADVISED SA [REDACTED] ABOUT 4 MAR 30 1965

SEVEN FIFTEEN P. M. MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE

END 80 APR 6 1965

cc: [REDACTED]

PAGE TWO

CALL AT HIS RESIDENCE FROM INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING SELF AS

██████████. ██████████ SAID AN EXMEMBER ██████████ NAME NOT  
DIVULGED, GAVE HIM ██████████ NAME. ██████████ ADVISED HE WAS ON WAY  
TO ALA. AND SOLICITING HELP ██████████ HE SAID IT

WAS ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HIS ASSOCIATES. ██████████ ASKED  
IF HE WAS CAUGHT AFTER DOING WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO ██████████

██████████ WOULD HELP HIM. ██████████ INFORMED ██████████  
██████████ WOULD NOT ENTER INTO ANY CONSPIRACY AND  
ASKED ██████████ WHAT HE INTENDED TO DO. ██████████ REPLIED HE WAS GOING TO  
QUOTE "BUST" UNQUOTE KING WIDE OPEN. ██████████ THEN ADVISED ██████████  
THEY HAD NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT.

██████████ SAID HE HAD MADE SOME INQUIRY ██████████  
██████████ BUT HAD FAILED TO DEVELOP ANYONE KNOWING ██████████  
██████████ STATED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE IN THE EVENT  
HE WAS RECONTACTED BY ██████████ OR RECEIVED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
CONCERNING HIM.

NOTHING IDENTIFIABLE WITH ██████████ WAS DISCLOSED BY CHECKS  
OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION OF THE DURHAM PD OR THE  
DURHAM CREDIT BUREAU. NOT IDENTIFIABLE CHARLOTTE INDICIES.

MOBILE PAREN [SELMA] PAREN IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY MILITARY  
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PAGE THREE

INTELLIGENCE, LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND IF APPROPRIATE NOTIFY KING.

CHARLOTTE WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] AND DURHAM PD FOR INFORMATION AS TO IDENTITY OF [REDACTED]

LHM FOLLOWS.

END. *Letterhead Memo.*

PLS HOLD FOR ANOTHER MESSAGE

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RE:

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KGCX  
Sidney, Montana 59270

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 23rd has been received.

In keeping with my long-standing policy,  
I cannot comment along the lines of your inquiry. I regret  
that I am unable to be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MAR 29 1965  
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with  
correspondent. A correspondent, writing on the letterhead of  
Station KGCX from Williston, North Dakota, in 1961, attempted  
to pressure the Director into making a statement concerning the  
John Birch Society.

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KGDX

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SIDNEY, MONTANA  
WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

March 23, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs,

Some of our listeners have raised questions regarding Martin Luther King, Jr., to which I do not have the answers.

They wish to know whether Dr. King is an ordained minister, and if his title of "Doctor" is earned or honorary.

Thanking you for any possible assistance, I am

Respectfully yours,

KGDX  
Sidney, Montana  
59270

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To: SACs, Charlotte (157-722)  
Jackson

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING  
BY [REDACTED] DURIAM, NORTH CAROLINA, b7(c)  
3/24/65  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReCetel 3/25/65, AM copy to Jackson.

Jackson instructed to immediately advise local authorities Jackson, Mississippi, concerning allegations comprising threat on King's life.

b7(c) Charlotte is instructed to immediately vigorously reinterview [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have given contradictory information relative to threat concerning King. Attempt to obtain true facts. Consider applicability of Title 18, Section 1001, United States Code.

Charlotte keep Bureau promptly advised of pertinent developments and expedite submission of LHM.

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March 29, 1965

[REDACTED]  
Santa Monica, California

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of March 23rd and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing as well as your kind sentiments concerning my work. I can assure you that I will strive to merit your continued approbation.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

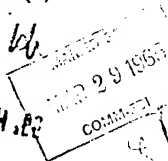
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: BUfiles reflect one prior outgoing to correspondent in answer to her kind remarks regarding the Director's work. The Patrick Henry group mentioned by correspondent has not been investigated by the Bureau and is self-described as being composed of conservative Virginians whose only publicly identified figure is T. Coleman Andrews, the former Internal Revenue Commissioner. They support the traditional concept of states rights and advocate severely limited government.

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[REDACTED] Santa Monica,  
California  
March 23rd 1965

My Dear Mr. Hoover -

Speaking for many old Church members of The Episcopal Church who are at a loss to find the truth regarding the loyalty of Dr. Martin Luther King etc - I am taking the liberty of asking your help - Of course I realize in your official position what a difficult question I am asking - but as such organizations as "The Patrick Henry Society" of Richmond Va - "The Birchers" etc. are dirty names, where can we turn for True Facts - You were kind enough to reply to my letter last Dec - and enclose most intering pamplets; but as the almost blind hysteria has taken over the church and led by such leaders as Bishop Pike, - not to mention Fasting to give the cost of the meal to The Marchers requested by the Bishop of Los Angeles - it leaves the extreme leftists in full command -

If our request for facts regarding Dr King's Communist affiliations would be out of order please just destroy this letter and accept the gratitude felt by the many unable to express the same -

Yours most sincerely -

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Santa Monica,

March 23, 1965

My Dear Mr. Hoover -

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If our request for facts regarding Dr King's Communist affiliations were to be out of order, please just drop this correspondence.

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Letter and report the mathematics part of the  
hearing would be to express the same -  
Yours most sincerely -

[REDACTED]

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☐ AIRGRAM ☐ CABLEGRAM ☐ RADIO ☒ TELETYPE

2:41 AM URGENT 3-29-65 NLN  
TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND NEW YORK  
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED  
FROM LOS ANGELES 290900

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., SM - C.

KING ACCOMPANIED BY MALE ASSISTANT ARRIVED LOS ANGELES  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO EVENING OF MARCH 28, 1965, KING AND  
ASSISTANT CURRENTLY REGISTERED HYATT HOUSE, LOS ANGELES.

KING DID HAVE RESERVATIONS AT STATLER HILTON, LOS ANGELES,  
WHICH HE DID NOT USE.

**[REDACTED]** ADVISED 10:58 PM ON MARCH 28,  
1965, RESERVATIONS MADE BY KING TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES 1:40 AM  
MARCH 29, INSTANT, DELTA FLIGHT 820 FOR ATLANTA.

FOREGOING IS FURNISHED TO NEW YORK FOR INFORMATION.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 28, 1965

FROM : R. W. Smith

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 12:30 p.m., 3-28-65, SA [redacted] of New York Office, telephonically advised SA [redacted] that New York had received information from a technical surveillance that King would appear on the Meet the Press program, 3-28-65. King received an inquiry from an unknown individual who inquired whether King expected to be questioned during the program concerning his meeting with the Director and whether there was any truth to the rumor that King had been intimidated during the meeting. One of King's representatives replied in substance that King's answer to such question would be that his relations with Mr. Hoover have always been cordial. King then commented himself that he was tired of hearing about his meeting with the Director.

New York will monitor the Meet the Press program and will submit a teletype. SA [redacted] of Mr. DeLoach's Office was telephonically advised of the above. b7(c)

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For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Smith
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Schwartz

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReBulet of 3/23/65, in regard to information in Atlanta airtel and letterhead memorandum of 3/18/65, captioned, "CLARENCE JONES", that a benefit would be at the Majestic Theater, New York City, in KING's benefit.

On 3/22/65, the "New York Daily News", March 22, 1965, page 45, carried a full page advertisement entitled, "Broadway Answers Selma". It reports that on Sunday evening, April 4th, at 8:30 PM, at the Majestic Theater, 245 West 44th Street, New York City, a "thundering never to be forgotten performance for the benefit of the late Reverend James Reeb's family - Voters Education Program of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund of Congress of Racial Equality and the L and M Rabinowitz Fund of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee" will be given.

1 X sent copy Encl. - C111 - WOC/kef 6/1/65

A copy of the clipping in question, which lists the names of the stars who will perform as well as the sponsors is enclosed for the Bureau.

With regard to coverage of the performance, the NYO expects to have one or more sources in attendance.

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☒ A thundering never-to-be-forgotten performance for the benefit of the late Reverend James Reeb's family. Veterans Education Program of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference • Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund of Congress of Racial Equality • The L. B. E. Rahimovitch Fund of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee.

This checks payable to Anti Defamation League, The Anti Defamation League is donating for services and serving as a repository for records and contributions.

'BRO' DAY ANSWERS CELIA' COMMITTEE AND SPOKE

[illegible]

**Brooklyn Athletic Club**

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the special benefit performance on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Majestic Theatre for the following reasons:

☐ \$1000 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$5

Please make checks payable to "Anti-Defamation League" and mail in a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

"BROADWAY ANSWERS SELMA"  
MARTIN LUTHER HOTEL  
760 EIGHTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10036  
SUITE 11

Tickets may be purchased in person at the Shubert Alley Box Office between 44th and 45th Street, West of Broadway.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL: 855-6-63

**'BROADWAY ANSWERS SELMA' STARS**  
*IN PERSON*

Alan Alda  
Alan Arkin  
Jack Albertson  
Herschel Bernardi  
Victor Borge  
Tom Bosley  
Carol Burnett  
David Burns  
Art Carney  
Carol Bruce  
Carol Channing  
Sydney Chaplin  
Maurice Chevalier  
Betty Comden  
Barbara Cook  
Dan Dailey  
Irene Dailey  
Billy Daniels  
Ossie Davis  
Sonny Davis  
Ruby Dee  
Nancy Dussault  
Lillian Gish  
Sir John Gielgud  
Evelyn Green  
Adolph Green  
Euddy Hackett

Leonid Hambro  
Tiger Haynes  
Anne Jackson  
Richard Kiley  
Steve Lawrence  
Bethel Leslie  
Bernice Massi  
Walter Matthau  
Karen Morrow  
Dennis O'Keefe  
Don Porter  
Robert Preston  
Robert Reed  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Chita Rivera  
Diana Sands  
Martha Scott  
Folk Shown  
Martin Sheen  
Barbra Streisand  
Inga Saxonson  
Ch Wallach  
Paula Wayne  
Fritz Weaver  
Donald Wolfelt  
Irene Worth

**SUNDAY EVENING**  
**APRIL 4th AT 8:30**  
**MAJESTIC THEATRE**  
**245 WEST 44 ST. NYC**

**BROADWAY**

**ANSWERS**

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FBI  
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[REDACTED]  
Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of March 24th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the subject of your inquiry. I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 7  
MAR 29 1965  
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Enclosures (6)

Time For Decision

U. S. News & World Report 12/7/64

U. S. News & World Report 12/21/64

UPI 11/30/64

St. Louis Globe-Democrat 11/25/64

The FBI...Guardian of Civil Rights

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

WAM:jms

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Cohasset, Massachusetts 02025

b7(c)

March 24, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Perhaps thousands of people have written to you with the question I wish to present, so perhaps I can be one more inquirer.

As you may imagine the Civil Rights Movement is causing a great amount of consternation in the country and a suburb such as this one is no exception. Part of the confusion lies, I have discovered, in people's attitudes towards Martin Luther King, for whom I have great admiration. You have been quoted as leaving people with the impression that Dr. King is less than admirable. Would you help me with this question. Do you have any material from your office which is public in nature and which represents the opinion of your Bureau towards the Civil Rights Movement and Dr. King in particular.

Sincerely,

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ADVICE

RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185  
  
              SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
              V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
              CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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[REDACTED]  
Weir, Mississippi 39772

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 21st, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for giving me the benefit of your observations.

Your concern about communism is understandable, and your desire to learn more about the nature of this menace is reassuring. A broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist movement is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence.

Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)  
Our Heritage of Greatness  
Communism--The Incredible Swindle  
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Riot Report 9-18-64

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. The enclosure is an article from an unidentified newspaper captioned "Demo Chairman Sees Negro Chief Power" and relates the status that Martin continued page 2.

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Luther King has reached in the political arena and notes "Martin Luther King is today's most powerful political figure on the soil of America." Dr. Carl McIntire, mentioned by correspondent, is President of the International Council of Christian Churches and pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, New Jersey. He was an organizer of the American Council of Christian Churches and has been an outspoken foe of the National Council of Christian Churches and has stated publicly that communists are using the National Council of Christian Churches. He has also criticized the revised standard version of the Bible. The Bureau has engaged in cordial correspondence with McIntire and is aware of his controversial nature.

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Weir, Miss  
Mar 21, 1965

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Dear Mr. Hoover: *MARTIN LUTHER KING JR*

I am writing you concerning our state affairs.  
Of course I know you know more in a minute than I know in a  
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So if someone like you and others dont do something  
this country will go communist and my idea it esent far off.

Your friend

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Alonzo Quarles

5 MAR 29 1965

I would like for you to answer this and tell me what you think about it.

Address per envelope:

*[REDACTED]*  
Weir Miss  
*[REDACTED]*

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# Demo Chairman Sees Negro Chief Power

Bidwell Adam of Gulfport, chairman of the State Democratic Committee, Saturday expressed the view on the eve of the federally-protected Selma to Montgomery march, that Martin Luther King is the nation's most powerful political figure. King dominated both parties, Democratic and Republican, Adam lamented. His statement said:

"Martin Luther King is today's most powerful political figure on the soil of America. No one in the history of our country has ever wielded so much influence and control over so many men in high office and positions of trust and responsibility as this erratic and dangerous character.

"Governors, Congressmen, cabinet members, United States Senators, judges, teachers, preachers, rabbis and priests and Democratic and Republican 'big brass' bow and bend before the presence of this man King. In their quest for political alms and crumbs at his hands, the leaders of both major political parties in this country cringe and crawl.

"King will write both platforms for the next Democratic and Republican National Conventions. He will dictate, without interruption, his terms before these political leaders have ever assembled and their portfolios will hold his instructions saying, before either Democratic or Republican National Conventions can nominate their respective candidates, those candidates for either Democratic or Republican National Conventions can nominate their respective candidates, those candidates must pass the scrutinizing eyes of this man, who claims to be a Preacher, Martin Luther King.

men will soon become beggars in the field of politics instead of leaders from their states. In the mad scramble of both Democratic and Republican leadership in Washington to support the Martin Luther King Civil Rights Bill proposed by the President, they will discover too late that they have voted themselves out of office by following the leadership of King.

"I fear that it is too late for these men who have fallen under the hypnotic spell of this new dictator to now retreat to a position of political safety. They have already bought their

own burial plot and paid for their crepe-covered caskets. The political gravediggers will soon be at work. It is to be regretted that the tail now wags the dog in the United States."

"He will be in absolute control of both Conventions and no delegation from any State in the American Union can be seated until their credentials meet with his approval. The 'Big Brass' of Democratic and Republican organizations are today working overtime trying to please this man King and not one of them has the guts to deny this statement. They tremble in his presence and shake like a leaf that is blown by the winds of a hurricane with tornadic intensity. He will sit in on every major national conference.

"The vast and overwhelming membership of the American Congress has capitulated and surrendered themselves to his dictates and stand ready to follow his instructions. The address of President Lyndon Johnson on Monday night crowned Martin Luther King with more power in America than Napoleon ever enjoyed while Emperor of France. Hitler, who in full sway over Germany could not influence or control his subjects as much as Martin Luther King does the authorities that exercise control over our country.

"Those Congressmen and Senators who applauded the President the loudest Monday night as he spoke, will soon find that Martin Luther King has already picked from his cabinet their successors to occupy their seats in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate. The

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 9, 1965

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b7(c) 12:30 p.m., 3/8/65.

Upon seeing [redacted] he reminded me that approximately one year ago I had given him, in strict confidence, [redacted] and communist connected background of Martin Luther King. [redacted] had kept King from receiving an honorary degree at Spring Hill College in Massachusetts

(This was done with the Director's approval.) [redacted] Spring Hill College

[redacted] told me that pressure is mounting on him once again [redacted] a testimonial banquet honoring King in Boston, Massachusetts, in the near future. King's followers here put great pressure [redacted] serve as a sponsor for the testimonial banquet. [redacted] of course, does not desire to do this in view of his knowledge of King's background.

[redacted] told me that the President of the United States had last week spent an hour and a half with King, King had received the Nobel Peace Prize, and that apparently King was getting bigger and bigger in his image. He asked if King still continued his communist associations and [redacted] I told [redacted] there was no change in King. I told him that King was a phony through and through and that obviously he would never change.

[redacted] asked me if the President knew of King's background. I told him the President did know of these facts. I added, however, that if [redacted] would inquire he would find out that the President never saw King alone or had a picture taken with King. [redacted] stated he had wondered about this.

[redacted] expressed appreciation for our meeting.

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1 - Mr. Belmont

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[REDACTED] b7(c) - [REDACTED]  
Middle Village, New York 11379

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 22nd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, this Bureau has not released a document such as you mentioned. You may be interested in knowing that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why this Bureau has not released any statement or material along the lines you have indicated.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (5)  
Communism--The Incredible Swindle  
Deadly Duel  
Domestic Intelligence  
12-21-64 U.S. News and World Report  
One Nation's Response to Communism


NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir

I read a report by Mr. Welsh of the John Birch Society in the newspaper. Mr. Welsh said that The Rev. Martin Luther King had been trained as an instigator by the Eagle school in Michigan - a few days later I heard a man talk over a telephone to an interview on the Robert Alder program. This man said that he had a document before him from the FBI that stated the same thing about Martin Luther King and that anyone could get the document. Is this so? and if so please send me a copy of this same document on Martin Luther King.

Respectfully

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Copy of the same document on  
Martin Luther King.

Respectfully



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Mr. Tolson	_____
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b7c) [REDACTED]  
middle Village N.Y.

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Littlefield, Texas

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of March 23rd and want to thank you for your interest in writing.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

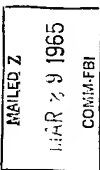
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Littlefield Texas

3-23-1965

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The Office  
of  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington  
D.C.

Sir;

It would please us very much to have your answer to the following questions:

Do you consider Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. a Communist?

Do you consider the NCAAP a Communist led or inspired organization?

We have in our town a disussion group that meets over coffee to discuss current events. The group is sharply divided as to your opinion on the two questions above.

Your answer will be very much appreciate..

Sincerely,

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5 MAR 30 1965

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Date: 3/25/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)  
SUBJECT: SCHEDULED VISIT BY REVEREND  
MARTIN LUTHER KING TO JOLIET  
ILLINOIS, 5/8-9/65  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies  
and for Atlanta two copies of a LHM pertaining to  
above.

Chicago will follow and advise Bureau of  
pertinent developments.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
March 15, 1965

SCHEDULED VISIT BY REVEREND  
MARTIN LUTHER KING TO JOLIET  
ILLINOIS, MAY 8-9, 1965  
RACIAL MATTERS

On March 24, 1965, [REDACTED] b7(c)  
Joliet, Illinois, advised the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation (FBI) that Reverend Martin Luther King  
will visit Joliet, Illinois, on May 8-9, 1965. King's  
appearance at Joliet is to be sponsored by the  
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance with the  
Reverend V. M. Herron as chairman. The Citizens Action  
for Racial Brotherhood Day is to be held on May 9, 1965,  
at Joliet. A banquet in honor of Doctor King is planned  
for the evening of May 8, 1965, and the rally is planned  
to be held at the Memorial Stadium, while Doctor King is  
in Joliet.

[REDACTED] advised that the following individuals  
have been furnished the details concerning the above:

[REDACTED]  
Joliet, Illinois, Police Department

Sheriff [REDACTED]  
Joliet, Illinois

[REDACTED] b7(c)  
Illinois State Police, Joliet, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
Commission on Human Relations  
Joliet, Illinois

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On March 24, 1965, the above information was furnished to the following:

[REDACTED]  
United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
Human Relations Section  
Chicago Police Department

[REDACTED]  
Region 1, 113th INTC Group  
Chicago, Illinois

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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100-106610-1065

March 29, 1965

[Redacted Address]

Brighton, Illinois

b7(c)

Dear [Redacted]

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DATE 10-10-80 BY 6076

Your letter of March 22nd has been received and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, information appearing in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to be of help and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organizations or the individual you mentioned.

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May I suggest, however, that in your personal evaluation of the merits of any organization you give careful consideration to its objectives and whether they are being achieved through orderly, legal procedures.

Enclosed is some literature which I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)  
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U. S. News & World Report, 12/21/64  
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights  
Communism.. The Incredible Swindle  
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

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March 22, 1965

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Brighton, Illinois

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The so-called "second class" citizen has always had my deepest sympathy. I have always felt that a person should be accepted by his personal qualities rather than his color or creed.

For over 100 years the Negro has been unable to obtain what is rightfully his in our country. I do admire these people for finally trying to have the rights our Constitution guarantees to every human being in the United States.

I would like very much to do something for these people, but I have heard that the two prominent organizations (CORE & NAACP) are run by the Communist Party. I certainly do not wish to help the Communist movement in any way, therefore, I would like any information that you can send me about the two above Negro organizations. Also, I would like any information about the Rev. Martin Luther King's Communist affiliations

Any help that you can give me will be greatly appreciated

Very truly yours,

Brighton, Ill.

b7(c)

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Brighton, Illinois

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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CORRESPONDENCE

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Brighton, Ill.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO 251628

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER - C.

RE ATLANTA RAD MARCH 24 LAST INDICATING KING WOULD BE IN SAN FRANCISCO TO TAPE A TELEVISION SHOW ON SATURDAY, MARCH 27 NEXT AND THEN WOULD PROCEED TO LOS ANGELES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 28 NEXT, WHERE HE WILL STAY UNTIL MARCH 30 NEXT.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, SAN FRANCISCO, THE SEAT OF BISHOP JAMES A. PIKE, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT KING WILL ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 27 NEXT, WILL PREACH AT THE CATHEDRAL AT THE 11 AM SERVICE, SUNDAY, MARCH 28 NEXT, AND WILL LEAVE LATE SUNDAY (FOR LOS ANGELES).

UACB NO INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY SAN FRANCISCO.

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Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 19th, with enclosures,  
has been received.

In keeping with my long-standing policy, which  
is derived from the confidential nature of our files, I have  
made no statement whatever concerning the individual to whom  
you refer as to whether he is or is not a communist.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect that we had written previously to this  
correspondent on February 24th concerning his inquiry regarding  
Martin Luther King and the NAACP and advised him of the  
confidential nature of our files. While Bufiles failed to contain  
any information positively identifiable with correspondent, one  
[REDACTED] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was associated with  
communist-front groups in the 1940s.

WAM:pem

To: [REDACTED]  
Belmont [REDACTED]  
Mohr [REDACTED]  
DeLoach [REDACTED]  
Casper [REDACTED]  
Callahan [REDACTED]  
Conrad [REDACTED]  
Felt [REDACTED]  
Gale [REDACTED]  
Rosen [REDACTED]  
Sullivan [REDACTED]  
Tavel [REDACTED]  
Trotter [REDACTED]  
Tele. Room [REDACTED]  
Holloman [REDACTED]  
Gandy [REDACTED]

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March 19, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed are copies of my letter to you dated February 21 and your reply dated February 24.

Perhaps you misunderstood my original inquiry, and at the risk of belaboring the point, I would like to restate it; I had (and have) no particular desire to compromise the confidential files of the FBI.

However, it was stated that you personally had stated that Dr. Martin Luther King was (or is) a communist. I merely asked for a confirmation or denial, and it does not seem to me that this would involve confidential FBI files.

Regarding the question of the NAACP being a communist organization, I have since obtained a copy of your book, Masters of Deceit, in which you apparently were able to state rather emphatically that it is not communistic and has, in fact, been very successful in resisting communist attempts at infiltration.

Will you please confirm or deny the statement attributed to you personally in regard to Dr. King?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 24, 1965

[REDACTED]  
Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear [REDACTED]

b7(c)

Your letter of February 21st has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the questions you asked.

Sincerely yours,

February 21, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After completing a talk Friday night (2/19) before a local group on Brotherhood Week, a member of the audience asked me whether I thought the NAACP was a communist organization. I replied that I did not.

He then asked whether I thought Martin Luther King is a communist. When I again replied in the negative, he said, "J. Edgar Hoover says he is; or don't you think he knows what he's talking about?" I was unaware of any such statement by you and declined to be drawn into further discussion with him. (It turned out he was not a member of the organization, but an outsider who apparently came just to heckle.)

To counter any possible repetitions and to be forewarned, I would appreciate your comments as promptly as possible, in reference to both the NAACP and Martin Luther King.

Your cooperation will be most helpful.

Gratefully,



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1 - Mr. McGowan  
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1 - Mr. Thompson

TO SAC ATLANTA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER - C.

LATEL, INSTANT DATE, QUOTE UNSUB, PROGRESSIVE BOOK SHOP,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MARCH TWENTY-THREE LAST, BOMBING MATTERS,  
UNQUOTE ADVISED STONE THROWN THROUGH WINDOW BOOK SHOP EARLY A.M.  
MARCH TWENTY-THREE LAST. TWO, ONE-HALF GALLON MILK BOTTLES  
APPARENTLY CONTAINING GASOLINE OR OTHER FLAMMABLE FUEL WITH TERRY  
CLOTH MATERIAL AS WICKS IGNITED AND TOSSED INTO BOOK SHOP. [REDACTED]

ADVISED [REDACTED] HE TALKED WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADMITTED HE THREW MOLOTOV  
COCKTAILS INTO PROGRESSIVE BOOK SHOP. ACCORDING [REDACTED]  
CONSIDERS KING TOOL OF COMMUNIST CAUSE. ON MARCH NINE LAST [REDACTED]  
MADE STATEMENT TO [REDACTED] TO EFFECT QUOTE I'M GOING TO GET  
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TELETYPE TO ATLANTA  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
100-106670

[REDACTED] AND ADVISED [REDACTED] HAD BEAT HER UP AGAIN AND LEFT HOME. [REDACTED] HAS QUIT JOB AND PURCHASED RIFLE OR GUN, EXACT TYPE UNKNOWN. b7(c)

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED WHITE MALE, TWENTY-SIX, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE TWO FIVE-ONE THREE ZERO POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR CUT SHORT, SKINNY, LEAN FACE, EYES SUNKEN IN. DRIVES OLD GRAY CAR.

IMMEDIATELY FURNISH FOREGOING TO ATLANTA PD. AM COPY TO LA.

NOTE:

Telètype being used due to urgency of situation. The Department is being advised concerning the Progressive Book Shop aspects. LAtel 3/26/65 provides for all other necessary agencies being advised.

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TO ATLANTA

FROM DIRECTOR 100-106670 2P

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER - C.

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FBI

Date: 3/26/65

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-31418) (RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, dated 3/2/65. ✓

\_\_\_\_\_ advised on 3/26/65, that Subject's scheduled appearance on WWJ-TV in Detroit on 3/25/65, was cancelled. No future date has been set for Subject's appearance on TV in the Detroit area. ✓

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③ - Bureau (REGISTERED)  
2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (REGISTERED)  
1 - Detroit  
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Approved: (63) Special Agent in Charge Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

## Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 25, 1965

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *BB*

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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RECOMMENDATION:

For record purposes only in connection with main file concerning King.

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Newton, Kansas

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Dear [REDACTED]

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FBI

Your letter of March 22nd has been received, and I am glad you have found my remarks to be of interest.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment along the lines of your inquiry.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

MAIL ROOM  
MAR 26 1965  
COMM-FBI

Enclosures (5)  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism  
Time for Decision  
Time of Testing  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Mr. Conrad	
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Martinsburg  
March 22 - 65

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Dear Sir:

As I read the news I become confused, and have come to the point, where I would like to know the facts.

I will not go around the bush, I would like to know, where this Martin Luther King stands? Some claim he is a communist, others claim he is a saviour to his people.

I'm coming to you, who I think is the final authority on this issue.

I keep telling my Sunday school children what J. Edgar Hoover has said, that the majority of the people that ignore the law of this state, are those who ignore the law of God, and never go to Sunday school. Hoping to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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Martinsburg  
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TRUE COPY

Newton Kansas  
March 22 - 65

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Sincerely Yours, [REDACTED] Newton Kans.

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Newton Kansas

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Date: 3/19/65

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-293)  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re CV airtel to Bureau, 3/12/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 9 copies of a  
LHM concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Two copies of the LHM are enclosed for AT.

The Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent  
developments re KING's appearance in CV.

3-Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)  
2-Atlanta (Enc. 2) (157-400) (RM)  
1-Cleveland

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AGENCY: ASST. DIR., OSI, SEC. SER.;  
DEPT. OF JUSTICE, CRD;  
DATE FORW: 3/22/65  
HOW FORW: [initials]  
BY: [initials]

C. C. Wick.

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Approved: CCB/840 Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio  
March 19, 1965

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

An article appeared in the "Cleveland Press," March 18, 1965, edition, Section C, Page 13, Column 4 through 8, captioned, "Civic Leaders to Salute Reverend KING at Nobel Dinner" under the by-line of JULIAN KRAWCHECK.

This article reflected that Clevelanders will have a formal opportunity to pay their own tribute to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the form of a dinner honoring KING at the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel on March 24, 1965. The article stated that tickets range in price from \$10.00 to \$25.00 for sponsor privileges and the dinner committee expects 2,000 persons and perhaps more to attend.

The article stated that the make up of the committee itself is a testimonial to the stature of the Atlanta born Negro, who has become the leading apostle of passive resistance since GANDHI. The article stated the following individuals are on the committee:

Auxiliary Bishop CLARENCE G. ~~ISSENMAN~~  
of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese

Bishop NELSON M. ~~BURROUGHS~~ of the  
Episcopal Diocese of Northern Ohio

Reverend O. M. ~~HOOVER~~, Pastor of the  
Olivet Institutional Baptist Church

Rabbi DANIEL JEREMY ~~SILVER~~ of the  
Temple

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ENCLOSURE

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

JOHN W. KELLOGG  
City Councilman

LOUIS B. SELTZER  
Editor of the "Cleveland Press"

THOMAS VAIL  
Publisher - Editor  
of the Cleveland "Plain Dealer"

W. O. WALKER  
Publisher of the Call and  
Post

WILLARD BROWN, President of  
the University Circle Research  
Foundation

The article advised that proceeds from the dinner will go to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headed by the Reverend KING.

The "Cleveland Press", March 19, 1965, edition, Page 1, Column 7 and 8, contained an article captioned, "Date is Changed for KING Dinner." This article reflected that the Martin Luther King Nobel Prize Dinner has been moved ahead 24 hours and will be held on Tuesday instead of Wednesday, according to an announcement from Congressman JOHN W. KELLOGG, Dinner Co-ordinator.

The article stated that the hour and place will be the same - 6:00 PM in the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel. The article stated that the Reverend KING called KELLOGG today and reported to him that he must be in Montgomery, Alabama, as the Selma-to-Montgomery March nears its end. The article advised that KING plans to fly back to Montgomery immediately after the Tuesday dinner.

[REDACTED] advised  
on March 19, 1965, that he has learned that the National

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Association for the Advancement of White People is formulating plans to picket the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel on the night of KING's dinner.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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FBI

Date: 3/23/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (100-9045)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Denver airtel 2/17/65.

For information, the 3/23/65 edition of the "Denver Post," Denver daily newspaper, states that University of Colorado officials announced cancellation of a talk by Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, which was scheduled for Thursday night, 3/25/65, at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

This information furnished to Bureau and Mobile (Selma) today under caption "Registrar of Voters, Dallas County, Alabama Voting Discrimination, Civil Rights; Election Laws."

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3-Bureau (RM)  
2-Atlanta (100-5586) (RM)  
1-Denver  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Serial 1055 pulled from this file under court order of  
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to  
National Archives.

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/22/65

Attached is confirmatory of Savannah teletype 3/18/65 which was sent up with informative note to the effect that we were having the information furnished to the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department and are also disseminating to the Department and military intelligence agencies.

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Date: 3/19/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAVANNAH (157-687)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] **b7(c)**  
THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTER

Enclosed are original and seven copies of a letterhead memo pertaining to captioned matter.

Secret Service and 111th INTC Group, Savannah, Ga., advised.

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- 1 - Bureau (Encs. 8)  
2 - Savannah (157-687)  
(1-66-1296) (Dissem. of Info.)

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.;  
DEPT: ISD, CRD, HAO

DATE FORW: 3-24-65  
HOW FORW: FILE  
BY: SP4 JRM/ML

Approved: [Signature]

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

77 MAR 31 1965 Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Savannah, Georgia

March 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] Georgia, advised she had determined from [REDACTED] Vidalia, Georgia, that [REDACTED] white male, age 18, tenth grade [REDACTED], ran away from home a week ago and was located in Atlanta, Georgia and returned. On March 15, 1968, [REDACTED] ran away from home again and was located at Macon, Georgia and returned to his home [REDACTED]

*F. H. [unclear]*

*b7(c)*

[REDACTED] told his school teacher, [REDACTED] that he was going to Alabama to kill Martin Luther King, Jr. When questioned further by his teacher regarding this, he only remarked that it would be a help to this country.

*[Signature]*

[REDACTED] is the adopted son of [REDACTED] and enjoy excellent reputation in the community.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are of opinion [REDACTED] made the remarks to impress his teacher and fellow students, as well as attempt to obtain attention.

Secret Service and 111th INTC Group, Savannah, Ga., being notified.

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Enclosed are six copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned and dated as above; two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta and Baltimore offices.

The source of the information in the letterhead memorandum was [REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D)

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This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED], a source who has furnished reliable and sensitive information concerning the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof. In view of this, it is imperative that a "Secret" classification be used.

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New York, New York  
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Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
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On March 16, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Bayard Rustin (organizer of the March on Washington) and Harry Wachtel were in contact on that date. They discussed the speech of President Johnson before Congress on the night of March 15, 1965, which concerned a voting bill insuring the right of all Americans to vote. Wachtel said it covered every part of the "battlefront." Both agreed that the speech was the most forthright ever made by a President, but agreed that compliments should wait until they saw what the bill contained. (u)

In considering what they should do in light of President Johnson's willingness to "go all out" for the Negro, Wachtel suggested that Rustin seek permission to speak before one of the Congressional Committees that will consider the voting bill. In that regard, Rustin said the battle has shifted from Selma, Alabama, to Washington, D.C., therefore, they need to get a group of Senators and Representatives to meet with Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC) in one of the caucus rooms. Wachtel answered that it could be arranged very easily. (u)

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# Communist Influence in Racial Matters

During their conversation Wachtel told Rustin that the SCLC Administrative Board will meet on March 31, April 1-2, 1965, in Baltimore, Maryland, and that King will attend the opening session on March 31, 1965. He said the first session will be held at night and will consist of a dinner. X (u)

According to Wachtel, King will be in Great Neck, Long Island on the night of the March 30, 1965, to speak before a group of ministers and rabbis. X (u)

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-19, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. L

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. L

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. L

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. L



Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates, X(u)

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Communist Influence in Racial Matters

and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. X (u)

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. (u)

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York. C

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto. C

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC. C

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild: ✓

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"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
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- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.) ✓
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)" ✓

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REGISTRARS OF VOTER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING DISCRIMINATION., CR., EL.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C.

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ADVISED ON MARCH TWENTYTWO,

SIXTYFIVE, THAT RAYARD RUSTIN AND WALTER FAUNTROY /SCLC REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON, DC/, WERE IN CONFERENCE REGARDING A MEETING OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS WHICH TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY /BELIEVED TO BE WASHINGTON, DC MEETING MARCH TWENTYONE, SIXTYFIVE, TO DISCUSS PENDING VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION/. RUSTIN SAID THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES WERE AGREED TO... *X(u)*

ONE. TO ABOLISH THE POLL TAX. TWO. BROADEN VOTING COVERAGE. THREE. TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST INTIMIDATION. *X(u)*

FAUNTROY SAID KING WOULD FLY TO CLEVELAND, OHIO, TOMCROW /MARCH TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE/ TO FILL ENGAGEMENT, RETURN TO MARCH ON WEDNESDAY. *X(u)*

AND MOBILE ADVISE SELMA.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: March 22, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: MARCH SELMA TO MONTGOMERY,  
ALABAMA, MARCH 21 - 25, 1965  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

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Inspector Sullivan called 11:40 a.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST) and advised that the night at the campsite of the marchers was uneventful. Military security and Agent observation were maintained throughout the night. At about 6 a.m., Central Standard Time (CST) the camp began to stir and food was brought in by truck and the campers prepared to make breakfast. Reverend Martin Luther King and Mr. Ralph Abernathy had breakfast brought into them and they ate in a late model, green Cadillac owned by Dr. Sullivan Jackson. King, Abernathy and Reverends Young and Bevel of Southern Christian Leadership Conference and James Lewis of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee spent the night at the camp.

The marchers formed and moved out onto the highway at approximately 8 a.m. CST. They were still marching on the four lane highway on lanes which had been closed to traffic. About 300 started out from the camp and the number has since increased by about 100 who have come from Selma and Montgomery to join the marchers. Ninety-five per cent of the campers were young people in their late teens, about 75 per cent were Negro. As the march got underway, they were preceded by Avis rental trucks with newsmen, a medical unit and latrine trucks at the head of the column. The leading marchers carried an American and a United Nations flag. Army staff cars and jeeps were also at the head of the column.

Late last night and early this morning, the marchers complained of a lack of military coverage. Military authorities explained that the troops had been ordered to be unobtrusive and had moved back out of sight of the camp and formed a sealed perimeter. The campers complained that they would like to see the soldiers present as it made them feel more comfortable.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: MARCH SELMA TO MONTGOMERY,  
ALABAMA, MARCH 21 - 25, 1965

As of 10:45 a.m. CST a piper cub airplane flew over the marchers dropping leaflets which fell in the woods near the marching column. The leaflet was directed to the white citizens of Alabama and promoted selective hiring, firing, buying and selling and stated that unemployed agitator ceases to agitate. It was sponsored by the White Citizens for Action Committee. This is the same leaflet that was dropped on demonstrators in Selma on March 13, 1965. It was determined that the White Citizens for Action Committee is a defunct segregationist organization headed by James L. Frazier of Tuscaloosa who is considered as a "publicity seeking local nut."

As of 11:45 a.m. EST, 10:45 a.m. CST, the march was moving along fairly rapidly and in an orderly fashion. The marchers had progressed more than four miles from the campsite at that time.

ACTION:

Department is being advised and this matter is being closely followed.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials: "JH", "LHM", "St", "G", "Krents"]*

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Loveland,  
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J. Edgar Hoover.  
National Director  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover--

I have been concerned regarding this Negro situation, mass demonstrations, and marchings. If they find they can get what they want by this method of doing it, I fear there may spring up further agitation by Red Fascist groups or Communists throughout U.S.

I, for one, dislike Martin Luther King's appearance and I mistrust him moreso because I read where he had attended Madalyn E. Murrays' School or sessions where she was teaching her atheistic stuff.

Then too, just recently, Karl Prussian, former member of the Communist party in U.S., spoke at C. U., Boulder, Colo. Also at Colo. State University, at Fort Collins, Colo. He had also been undercover agent for the F. B. I. and star witness at San Francisco hearings on Un-American activities concerning student riots. The Young Americans for Freedom group sponsored him. Karl Prussian's spokesmen said that in his talks he would charge that Martin Luther King belongs to 60 Communist front organizations, more than any party member in U. S. If this be true, then why is he allowed by our Government to head and stage these marches stirring up mob violences, hatred, and bloodshed? I certainly believe every American citizen should have the right to vote. They are required to help fight our wars, although I have heard of the ill feeling of our boys against the Negroes in Camps because of their behavior.

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Here is the thing, either King is a Communist and if he is, he should be dealt with as such or Karl Prussian who is going from college to college, and making charges against him, if his charges against King are false, then he is spreading "deadly poison" in the minds of our Youth. — On the other hand, if his charges regarding King belonging to 60 Communist front organizations, is true, then why is the Government and F. B. I. tolerating <sup>this</sup> ~~top~~ Red to head these mass demonstrations? If the negroes win out now, all those negro's are going to hold him up as their hero, (fearless and brazen as he is), in the cloak of a minister. but a wolf in sheep's clothing. Is Karl Prussian right or wrong? We have a right to know the truth. Why in the world are Communists allowed to run rampant, allowed to meet secretly, sometimes openly, to plan and endanger our peace and freedom of life and spread hatred in U. S. ?

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, MARCH TWENTY-FOUR LAST, RACIAL MATTERS.

REURTEL MARCH TWENTY-FIVE INSTANT.

DETAILS DEVELOPED THIS MATTER SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY  
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OTTO F. PRUSA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF  
WHITE PEOPLE ACTING PRESIDENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED  
THIS DATE THAT MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND WHITE CITIZENS  
COUNCIL WILL PICKET THE HOTEL SHERATON CLEVELAND ON MARCH  
TWENTY THIRD WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SPEAKS THERE. ATLANTA  
ADVISED BY AM. LHM FOLLOWS.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 16th, with enclosure, has been received.

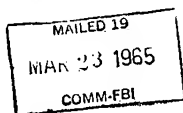
With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy. I can assure you, however, that this Bureau is ever cognizant of its responsibilities in the internal security field, and we will continue to make every effort to discharge our obligations with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

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While I wish it were possible to accede to your request, I am unable to furnish you copies of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin on a continuing basis as this publication is restricted in distribution. In addition, budgetary limitations preclude sending you our Annual Report on a regular basis.

Enclosed is some literature which I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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MARTIN LUTHER KING ↓

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I know that you, Mr. Hoover, are unable to do  
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Sincerely

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P. S. May I have my name placed on your mailing list for:

F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletins  
and your Annual Report. (I have the report for 1964)  
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W. G. P.

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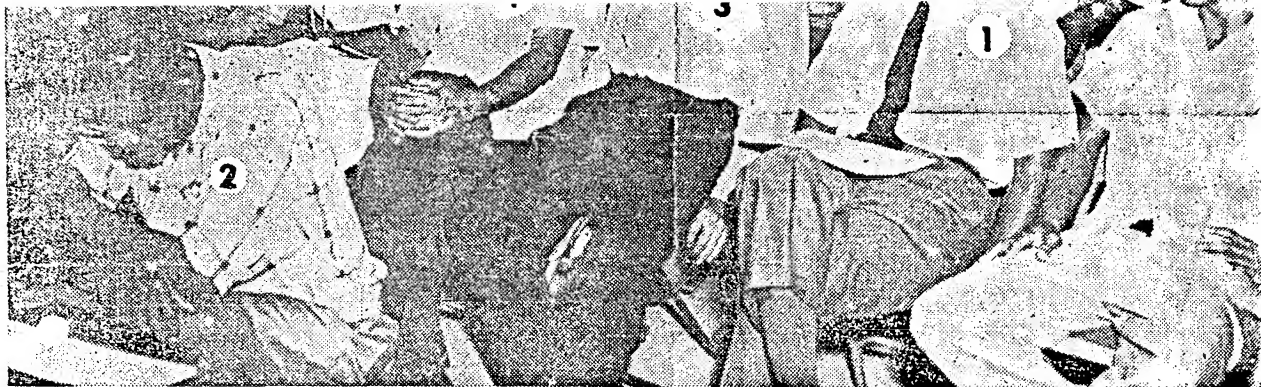
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Those numbered in the picture are:

1. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
2. ABNER W. BERRY, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. AUBREY WILLIAMS, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., a fellow-traveling organization, and,
4. MYLES HORTON, director of the Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

Karl Prussion, a former F.B.I. counterspy, has this say about Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"... I further do solemnly swear and attest that one Rev. Martin Luther King was always set forth as individual to whom Communists should look and around in the Communist struggle on the many racial is

"... I hereby also state that Martin Luther King either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations which give aid to or espouse Communist causes, number over 60."

Martin Luther King, Jr., promises us more and more violent demonstrations during the coming summer and says that they are coming whether the "evil rights" be passed by the Congress or not. It is only through violence and strife that Martin Luther King can gather from suckers of the Nation around a million dollars a year to finance his activities.

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# MARTIN LUTHER KING... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



March 23, 1965

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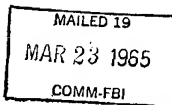
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Your letter of March 16th has been received,  
and you may be assured this Bureau will continue to do every-  
thing within its power to discharge its responsibilities with the  
highest degree of dispatch, thoroughness and objectivity.

In connection with the matters you mentioned, I  
am enclosing a copy of the remarks made by Senator Thomas J.  
Dodd on the Floor of the Senate on February 25, 1965, together  
with other material which I hope will be of assistance to you in  
learning of the true nature of the FBI's role in civil rights  
matters.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (3)

Remarks made by Senator Thomas J. Dodd on Floor of Senate 2/25/65  
Our Heritage of Greatness  
U. S. News & World Report 12/21/64

NOTE: There is nothing derogatory in Bufiles concerning correspondent,  
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 RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Cleveland airtel to the Bureau, 3-19-65, 6576  
 and Cleveland teletype to the Bureau, 3-22-65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine (9) copies  
 of a LHM concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Two (2) copies of the LHM are enclosed for Atlanta.

One (1) copy each of LHM sent local military agencies,  
 and two (2) copies sent Secret Service.

The Bureau will be kept advised of the pertinent  
 developments in captioned matter. *Local Police advised.*

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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900 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

March 22, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

An article appeared in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer", March 22, 1965 edition, page 26, column 4, captioned "White Groups Plan to Picket King Talk".

This article stated that OTTO F. PRUSA, Acting President, National Association for the Advancement of White People in Cleveland, Ohio, announced that Cleveland members of the National Association for the Advancement of White People and the White Citizens Council will picket the Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland, on March 23, 1965, when the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., speaks there. According to the article, PRUSA stated, "We vigorously protest the un-American, unlawful tactics being used by the race mixers".

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TO SACS CHARLOTTE  
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING BY [REDACTED]  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, MARCH TWENTY-FOUR INSTANT, RACIAL MATTERS.

RECETEL MARCH TWENTY-FOUR INSTANT.

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MOBILE IMMEDIATELY ADVISE APPROPRIATE MILITARY OFFICIAL,  
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We are advising the Department.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Security Matter- Communist

DINNER IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HELD AT SUMMIT  
CLEVELAND HOTEL SIX THIRTY P. THIS DATE. KING ARRIVED CLEVELAND  
FOUR THIRTY PM INSTANT, AND GAVE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS. SHERATON  
CLEVELAND HOTEL <sup>PICKETED</sup> FOR ONE HOUR PRIOR TO DINNER BY THIRTY EIGHT  
MEMBERS OF NAACP AND WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCIL. CLEVELAND PD ISSUED  
ONE TICKET FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT. CLEVELAND PD REPORTS NO OTHER  
DISTURBANCES.

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of March 19th, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your interest in writing.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. I can assure you that the FBI is ever aware of its responsibilities with regard to the internal security of our Nation, and we will continue to make every effort to meet our obligations with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Enclosed is literature which I hope you will find informative.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 11-25-64  
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U. S. News & World Report, 12-21-64  
"Our Heritage of Greatness"  
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights

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LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA 92037

March 19, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed reprint was sent to me recently by a friend in the east. It seems to me the photograph is recognizable, but I am not familiar with the organization called the "Highlander Folk School", and I am wondering if it is true as charged that it was a subversive organization. Do you have any information about this? Also is the "Augusta Courier" a legitimate newspaper?

Although Mr. King was given the Nobel Peace Prize, I cannot help but question how peaceful his intentions are in heading up these demonstrations in Selma, Montgomery, Augusta, etc. If he has any connection with Communist front organizations, I think the facts should be widely publicized. Any information you can give me will be very much appreciated.

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Yours sincerely,

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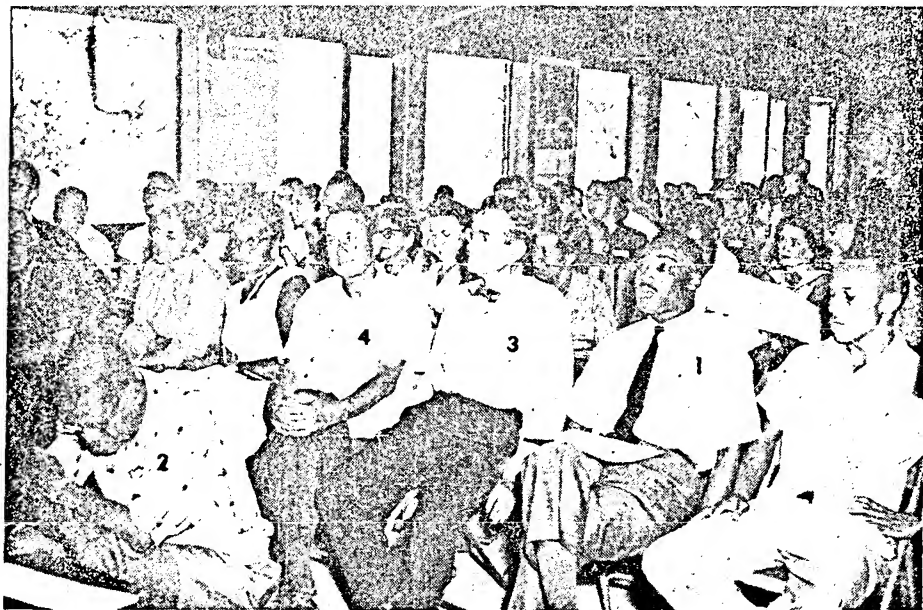
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Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM CINCINNATI 192100

ATTENTION: MR. DELOACH

DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INFORMATION CONCERNING.

CONGRESSMAN SAMUEL L. DEVINE, TWELFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, OHIO, FORMER SA, THIS DATE ADVISED SA [REDACTED] HE PLANS TO CALL BUREAU WEEK OF MARCH 22 NEXT TO TALK WITH DIRECTOR OR WHOMEVER DIRECTOR DESIGNATES. MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT GOOD REPUTATION ENJOYED BY DR. KING WHEN IN FACT DR. KING [REDACTED] USING CIVIL RIGHTS AS FUND RAISING AND SELF AGGRANDIZEMENT PLATFORM. FEELS PUBLIC SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF TRUE FACTS BUT UNCERTAIN HOW THIS COULD BE DONE.

CONGRESSMAN DEVINE WARMLY PRAISED THE DIRECTOR AND FBI.

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CC: MR. DELOACH

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MR. MOHR DIRECTOR

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144

Dear [REDACTED]

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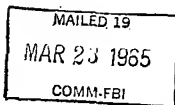
I received your letter of March 17th and want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand that I have not made any statements such as you have mentioned and why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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U. S. News & World Report, 12-7-64

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Communism--The Incredible Swindle

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNA. 19144

March 17, 1965

My dear Mr. Hoover:

In our apartment building, a so called "gentleman" has made a statement that you said that Rev. Martin Luther King is a communist.

Rumors do run rampant as you above all people, well know! I would like to have your answer on this, to enlighten this bigot.

Our country has been blessed with your watchful eye on all problems.

God bless you!

Sincerely

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BY: [illegible]

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Mr. Jones  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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March 17, 1965

My dear Mr. Hoover:  
In our apartment building,  
a so called "gentleman" has  
made a statement that you  
said that Rev. Martin Luther King  
is a communist.

Rumors do run rampant  
as you above all people, well  
know! I would like to  
have your answer on this,  
to enlighten this bigot.

Our Country has been blessed  
with your watchful eye on  
all problems.  
God bless you!

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